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## NEWSWATCH

**Two-in-one baby**  
NICOSIA, April 21, (AP): A two-headed baby boy with four arms, two legs, two lungs and two separate nervous systems was born in the central Iranian province of Yazd, Tehran radio reported Wednesday.

The baby also has two spinal chords, two circulatory systems, two digestive tracts, one anus, one pelvis and one reproductive system, the radio said. Due to its two nervous systems, each head reacts to stimuli applied to its side of the body.

**Death for drugs**  
CAIRO, April 21, (Reuters): An Egyptian court yesterday recommended the death penalty for a Lebanese man and an Egyptian woman convicted of heroin smuggling, court sources said.

Mustapha Karak, 43, was caught with 230 grammes of heroin and Selma Mustapha Saleh, 60, with 250 grammes as they entered through Cairo airport in January, the sources said.

**Mudslides kill 52**  
MOSCOW, April 21, (AP): At least 52 people have been killed in mudslides and flooding in a mountainous region of the Georgian republic, Radio Moscow said today. A bus carrying 20 people is missing and may have been swept off the road by the torrent of mud, an editor at Georgia's official Gruzinform news agency reported.

**Death toll up**  
NAWABSHAH, Pakistan, April 21, (AP): Authorities said another two people died yesterday, bringing to eight the death toll in a violent riot in the southern Sindh province. Heavily armed rival ethnic groups battled in three different locations of the city Wednesday, sparking city-wide rioting that also left 35 wounded.

**No shutdown**  
APRESS release issued by the Pakistan embassy in Kuwait yesterday said a federal government spokesman strongly contradicted in Rawalpindi last Tuesday a news item alleging that Benazir government had ordered the shutdown of the Kahuta plant at the behest of the US and India. The spokesman said the Kahuta plant was functioning normally.

**Leader remanded**  
CAIRO, April 21, (Reuters): Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, a blind theologian widely seen as the spiritual leader of Egypt's underground Islamic Jihad group, was remanded in custody on Wednesday for a further two weeks, security sources said.

**19 killed in Punjab**  
AMRITSAR, India, April 21, (UPI): Violence linked to the drive by Sikh radicals to bestow nationhood on northern Punjab left 19 people dead yesterday, including a young woman who extrajudicially shot dead along with three members of her family, police said.

**Bonn cos. helped**  
BONN, April 21, (AP): Investigators have evidence that strongly suggests that West German companies helped Pakistan develop nuclear weapons technology, a government official said yesterday.

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**Driver hurt: motive unknown**  
MANILA, April 21, (Agencies): Hooded gunmen killed a US military adviser and a Filipino official today as they were driving to work near Manila, US and Filipino officials said.

US embassy spokesman Terry Huchel said Army Col. James N. Rowe, 31, of McAllen, Texas, chief of the Army division at the joint US military advisory group, was pronounced dead on arrival at a Philippine military hospital, and his body was flown to Clark Air Base, 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of Manila.

Rowe's Filipino chauffeur, Joaquin Yimaya, was wounded in the shooting but was reported out of danger, Tiango said.

US Ambassador Nicholas Platt said in a statement that US officials were unsure of the motive but added "should anyone think that killing this brave officer would alter in any way US policy of support for Philippine democracy, they are wrong."

The US embassy advised Americans to take extra safety precautions. No group claimed responsibility, but a senior Filipino official said investigators believed the killers were communist rebels.

Friends of Rowe's in the US diplomatic community said he is survived by a wife and two young children.

The military announced yesterday it had released the Philippines' third ranking communist leader Ignacio Capellan, after rebellion charges against him were dropped.

Presidential guards and police raided the house of a brother of cashed Lt. Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, but failed to arrest the leader of the bloody 1987 uprising that nearly toppled President Corason Aquino.

## Iran busts US spy networks

Plot to oust Khomeini: CIA in trouble

NICOSIA, April 21, (Agencies): Iran's Parliament speaker said today that several US spy networks plotting to overthrow Ayatollah Khomeini's fundamentalist government have been uncovered, including cells in the Navy's upper echelons, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported. The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said Hashemi Rafsanjani announced during a sermon at the weekly Friday prayer session at the Tehran University that a large number of the alleged spies have been arrested in recent weeks.

He said they included "big American spies," who were now being interrogated, and that the arrests had exposed the whole Central Intelligence Agency in the Middle East.

## Peace talks in Geneva

### Dominion over Shatt not negotiable: Iraq

BAGHDAD, April 21, (Agencies): Iraq's ruling Baath Party newspaper said today that Baghdad would not compromise on sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab waterway, a key issue in peace talks with Iran under way in Geneva.

"The Shatt Al Arab river has been an Iraqi river throughout history and will remain so," said an editorial in Al Thawra.

"Iraq's right to exercise its sovereignty over it is not a subject for negotiations."

Iraq wants the waterway, its main outlet to the sea, cleared of war debris at once. Iran has said Iraqi troops must first leave 2,600 square km (1,000 square miles) of its territory.

Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz yesterday began a fourth round of UN-sponsored peace talks with his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati.

Velayati said the atmosphere in the talks, which have made little headway since an August ceasefire, was positive. He said Aziz were due to meet again today.

The government daily Al Jumhuriya warned Iran not to violate the ceasefire. "We sincerely call on (Iran) to turn this round of talks into serious and fruitful (negotiations)," it said.

In Geneva, Aziz, in response to a reporter's question, swiftly dismissed sharpened demands by Iran for a full withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Iranian territory as its precondition for progress.

"The Iranian side should know it has no right to dictate, to set the priorities at the talks," Aziz said.

"The peace talks have to address the whole peace plan with all its provisions and all its obligations," Aziz said.

An investigating magistrate in Venice issued summonses on Wednesday to 15 people working for French and Italian companies as part of a probe of alleged arms sales to Iran and Iraq, officials said.

A security officer of the joint US Military Advisory Group in Manila gestures to photographers not to take pictures of the car used by Rowe who was shot dead. (Reuters wirephoto)

**Iran-Iraq build-up**  
DUBAI, April 21, (Reuters): Iran and Iraq are building up their missile forces as peace talks between the two Gulf war foes drag on in Geneva with no sign of a breakthrough.

Iraq this month displayed new home-produced missiles which can reach Iran's major population centres. Iranian sources said week confirmed the latest deal with major arms supplier China for more medium-range missiles, satellite surveillance and pilot training.

At stake is the balance of power between the two main Gulf military powers after fighting in their eight-year war halted last August with a UN-brokered ceasefire.

## Benazir's budget will be harsh

ISLAMABAD, April 21, (Reuters): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has warned the country her government's first budget will contain harsh taxes needed for development.

She told newspaper editors at a dinner on Wednesday night Pakistanis must be prepared for a "quite harsh budget" for the fiscal year beginning on July 1. Benazir's first budget since becoming prime minister is likely to be unveiled next month.

The daily newspaper Jang quoted her as saying, however, that she feared opposition parties would use the budget to attack her less than five-month-old government.

After taking office in December as the first woman prime minister of a Muslim nation, Benazir adopted the previous caretaker government's budget for fiscal 1988/89 with only slight changes, for the sake of what she called economic continuity.

Government officials say Pakistan's economic growth is estimated below target. Prices have risen and the balance of payments deficit is also likely to rise during the year ending on June 30.

Citing her campaign promise to strengthen Pakistan's economy, Benazir said: "Conditions will worsen if the next budget is not tough."

She said Pakistan's economy did not receive enough attention for several years.

Ijaz ul Haq, son of the Pakistan's late President Zia ul Haq, accused the United States on Wednesday of a cover-up and called on the Bush administration to break its conspiracy of silence on the cause of the plane crash which killed his father.

**Syrians shell Jounieh port to blockade Christians**  
BEIRUT, April 21, (AP): Syrian forces unleashed broadsides of rockets into the beleaguered Christian enclave today, their main target the port of Jounieh north of Beirut in an apparent effort to blockade the Christians' only gateway to the outside world.

Police had no immediate report of any casualties as Syrian gunners fired truck-mounted BM-21 rocket launchers, which spit out 40 122mm rockets carrying 48-kilogram (105-pound) warheads in 20 seconds, from Muslim West Beirut.

A police spokesman said the Syrians were firing rocket salvos every four hours on Jounieh and the coastal highway running north from Beirut in the Christians' crescent-shaped 310-square-mile (800-sq-kilometre) enclave.

But the sporadic Syrian fire kept nervous Beirutis on both sides of the capital's dividing line on edge.

The rocketing flared amid reports in Gulf newspapers that there were intensive contacts between Arab governments to form an Arab peacekeeping force to intervene in the confrontation between Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun's mainly Christian units and an alliance of Syrian and Muslim Druze militiamen.

Kuwait's Al Qabas daily said several Arab states were seeking to convince Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon with some 40,000 troops based there, to accept a peacekeeping force before the Arab League foreign ministers meet in emergency session next week on Lebanon.

Al-Qabas said the Arab force could number "several hundred officers and troops from six or seven Arab states."

Maj. Gen. Sami Khatib, commander of Syrian-backed Muslim units of Lebanon's divided Army, announced that Jounieh and Beirut ports "remain under blockade" as long as Aoun maintains his siege of illegal ports south of Beirut run by Muslim militias.

In Damascus, Syria's information minister has accused Aoun of being an Israeli puppet and said Damascus would only withdraw from Lebanon when all problems there were solved.

United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar today appealed to the international community to urgently provide humanitarian aid to Lebanon.

The Arab League ambassador to the UN, Clovis Maksoud, announced that its council of six foreign ministers will meet next Wednesday in Tunis to develop a peace plan to end the fighting.

Aoun has asked PLO leader Yasser Arafat to help resolve the Lebanese conflict and Arafat has sent the Arab League a plan.

**Winces in pain**  
A wounded Lebanese child from Beirut winces in pain while being placed in an ambulance at the Villacoubay military airbase near Paris. Forty-eight of the 78 wounded Muslims who were evacuated from Beirut and taken to Cyprus by the French hospital ship La Rance arrive on a Hercules C-130 for treatment at civilian hospitals in the Paris area. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Hussein lukewarm to polls in held areas

WASHINGTON, April 21, (AP): Jordan's King Hussein said yesterday an Israeli proposal for Palestinian elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip might be worth consideration as a first step toward ending the Arab-Israeli impasse.

After two hours of talks with US Secretary of State James Baker, Hussein told reporters the idea of an election "might be worth looking at" in the context of a comprehensive peace process.

He added that elections cannot be an end in themselves. Hussein's words appeared to be his most positive statement about the Israeli proposal since it was outlined here two weeks ago during a visit by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Shamir proposed that Palestinians elect "interlocutors" to represent them in negotiations with Israel for limited self-government.

Hussein said he was optimistic about the prospects for peace, a sentiment he shared at a White House dinner Wednesday night with Baker, President Bush and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

The United States and Israel voted against the resolution. The European Economic Community voted in favour of the resolution.

Israel accused the UN of hypocrisy, saying it condemned Israeli handling of a Palestinian uprising while ignoring a massacre in neighbouring Lebanon.

About 14,000 Muslims prayed peacefully in Jerusalem today at Al Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine, under the watchful eye of a police helicopter and more than 3,000 Israeli policemen.

Security forces barred many of the 65 million years ago and "caused a global catastrophe that destroyed the dinosaurs."

The asteroid was detected by Henry Holt, a retired US Geological Survey scientist now associated with Northern Arizona University. He was working on a NASA-funded project to detect and track so-called "earth crossing asteroids." These are bits of space rock that orbit the sun and pass across the orbit of earth.

NASA noted it "is popularly believed" that the asteroid had collided with earth the impact would have been equivalent to the explosion of 40,000 hydrogen bombs, creating a crater 5-10 miles (8-16 km) across — or large "enough to destroy a good-sized city."

Hydrogen bomb inventor Edward Teller, at a recent symposium at George Washington University, proposed using an atomic weapon to destroy asteroids found to be on a collision course with earth.

## Earth is saved as it escapes asteroid collision

WASHINGTON, April 21, (Agencies): A half-mile-wide (800-m-wide) asteroid, blazing through space at nearly 50,000 mph, (80,460 kph) skirted past earth last month in a cosmic "close call" unrivalled in a half-century, NASA said Wednesday.

The asteroid, called 1989FC, passed within 500,000 miles (800,000 km) of earth — about twice the distance to the moon — on March 23, the space agency said.

Bevan French, a scientist with NASA's Solar System Exploration Division, said if

## Baby food tampered

**Blade in food**  
LONDON, April 21, (AP): A piece of razor blade, bits of glass, thumbtacks and caustic soda have been found in jars of baby food in southern England, police said.

They said the five incidents involved jars of pureed baby food made by H.J. Heinz Co.

"Whoever is responsible must have a very sick mind," said a company spokesman speaking on condition of anonymity.

He said Heinz was certain the tampering was taking place outside its British premises where it produces 96 million jars of baby food a year. The company knew of no person or group with a grudge against it, he added.



## SPORTS

## INTERNATIONAL

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Lottery may top record of \$69.9m

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 21. (Reuters): Lottery fever has gripped Pennsylvania after state officials estimated the jackpot in a draw due next week may exceed the US record of \$69.9 million.

The State Lottery Commission said there were no winners in the draw on Wednesday night for the fifth consecutive week with the jackpot standing at \$42 million.

Commission officials estimated that next week's prize may exceed the national record set in Illinois earlier this month and shared by four winning tickets.

## \$17.4 million for couple

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois, April 21. (UPI): A court reporter and an electrical engineer were identified on Wednesday as the holders of the fourth and final winning ticket in Illinois' \$69.9 million lotto jackpot, the largest ever in North America.

Mel Baeske, 53, and his wife, Pat, 46, of Belleville, Illinois, won a share of the Saturday jackpot worth \$17.4 million, the same as the three other winners who came forward on Monday and Tuesday to pick up their piece of the biggest lottery jackpot in North American history.

Baeske, an electrical engineer, and his wife, a court reporter, say they will not quit their jobs.

## Child killed in 'town demolition'

DHAKA, April 21. (AP): A child was killed and at least 25 people injured when police and municipal workers bulldozed a shantytown in an upper-class neighbourhood of the capital on Thursday, witnesses said.

Sudan Davis, a programme officer with the Ford Foundation, said she saw the body of a young girl and several injured men after the demolition in the Gulshan district.

"I was told by the residents of the shantytown that police took away two bodies and at least one person died in hospital," she said.

## Belfast rejects prostitute statue

BELFAST, April 21. (Reuters): Belfast councillors on Wednesday scrapped plans to erect a statue of two prostitutes in a former "red light" area of northern Ireland's capital.

Sculptor Louise Walsh, angered by their decision, said: "This was not a glorification of prostitution. It was a tribute to the low-paid working-class women of this city."

After examining a scale model of the bronze statue, councillor Frank Millar said: "We will have nothing to do with it."

One dissenting voice was councillor Rhonda Paisley, the daughter of Protestant preacher-politician Ian Paisley.

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## Withdrawal of article 'raises questions' on fusion

SALT LAKE CITY, April 21. (Agencies): University of Utah researchers trying to perfect their claimed nuclear fusion-in-a-flask breakthrough withdrew an article from a leading scientific journal because they did not have time to revise the paper, university officials said.

The decision by researchers Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann appeared to raise questions about their experiments, which have been partially reproduced by several major US universities as well as influential

scientists in Italy and the Soviet Union.

But Pam Fogle, a University of Utah spokeswoman, said yesterday, "the information (that the journal Nature) wanted amounted to an increase of about 1,000 to 2,000 words in the article. And some of the data asked for would have had to come from experiments currently under way."

The article was submitted to the British journal at the time Pons and Fleischmann announced March 23 they had created a nuclear fusion reaction in a simple electrolytic

cell at room temperature.

East German physicists have joined a growing list of scientists who say they have achieved test-tube nuclear fusion at room temperature, the Communist Party daily Neues Deutschland said yesterday.

South Korean researchers also said yesterday they have achieved nuclear fusion using ordinary laboratory equipment at room temperature, an experiment they said duplicates one that stunned the world's scientific community last month.

WASHINGTON, April 21. (AP): The judge in Oliver North's Iran-Contra trial told jurors preparing to begin deliberations today that no one, including the President, has authority to order anyone to violate the law.

North has said he had authority from superiors including, he believed, President Reagan, for many of his actions in the secret sale of weapons to Iran and aiding Nicaraguan rebels at

a time when official US aid was banned.

Thursday afternoon, after two hours of instructions from the judge, jurors were sent to a hotel where they will be sequestered until they finish the deliberations.

US district judge Gerhard Gesell told them "your job is to decide the facts" in the first trial stemming from the mid-1980s affair in which profits from arms

sales to Iran were diverted to aid Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras. It was the biggest scandal to hit the Reagan presidency during his eight years in office.

The judge was specific in his instruction about North's contention that he acted under orders from top White House officials and, he assumed, with Reagan's approval.

"Neither the President nor any

of the defendant's superiors had the legal authority to order anyone to violate the law," Gesell said.

"Our country is governed by the rule of law. You have heard testimony indicating that other government officials may in some respects have concealed facts known to them, and some ranking above or below the defendant may have engaged in conduct similar to that charged

against the defendant on trial.

FBI agents who sorted through ex-White House aide Oliver North's files failed to tell Congress or a special investigator about papers on George Bush's possible involvement as vice-president in the Iran-Contra affair, NBC news reported on American television.

Two leading Senate Democrats have written to

President Bush, asking him to determine if some of the documents mentioned in North's Iran-Contra trial were withheld from the congressional committee that investigated the scandal.

One of the documents that senators Daniel Inouye of Hawaii and George Mitchell of Maine asked about suggested a direct role in the Iran-Contra operation by Bush while he was Reagan's vice-president.

## Students and workers join protests in Beijing

BEIJING, April 21. (Reuters): Students from outside Beijing and ordinary citizens joined student protests in the centre of the Chinese capital today as thousands mourned former communist party leader Hu Yaobang.

A red-lettered banner which onlookers said had been written in blood was unfurled at the foot of the monument to the People's Heroes in the middle of Tiananmen Square.

The author, an unnamed worker, praised Hu as a great leader and said he had been unfairly treated.

He died on Saturday after two years in political limbo following his forced resignation as party chief for allegedly allowing the spread of "bourgeois liberalism," or Western political ideas.

## Protests

Several students from Tianjin's Nankai University arrived in the square, the first undergraduates to travel to the capital to join the protests.

Hundreds of people close to the monument sang the communist anthem The Internationale as a crowd of more than 10,000 formed around them.

"Long live democracy and freedom," one group of students called out, in defiance of stern official warnings not to use Hu's death for political purposes.

Hu, who presided over a cultural thaw during his time in power, has in death become a symbol of democratic ideals and won a following among students greater than he ever enjoyed while alive.

## Britain to deploy 'stand-off' nukes

Bush weighing options

## No decision on MX

WASHINGTON, April 21. (AP): US President Bush told a group of congressional leaders Wednesday that he hasn't decided on future development of the MX nuclear missile, the legislators said.

"He's indicated he's working on the MX issue and he's anxious to receive the input from a wide variety of individuals on Capitol Hill," said Sen. John Warner. "He did not in any way strike a note of finality."

The missile question is part of an effort to build new weapons for the land-based leg of the US nuclear arsenal. Bush's options are to base new 10-warhead MX missiles on rail cars, a system favoured by Air Force generals, or develop a new single-warhead missile known as the Midgetman, to be housed on trucks.

The Midgetman is far more costly, with a price tag of nearly \$24 billion for 500 single-warhead missiles, compared to \$5.4 billion for the same capability on the multi-warhead MX, according to Air Force estimates.

The United States currently has 50 MX missiles based in silos in Wyoming and Nebraska, in addition to the multi-warhead Minuteman missiles.

The Soviets have deployed two mobile systems, the SS-25 with one warhead and the SS-24, with 10 warheads.

70 miles (110 kilometres), should be replaced by a new US system. But Kohl, who faces a general election next year, has now sought to postpone the widely unpopular move.

Thatcher argues that updating the Lancets is essential to hold at bay the Warsaw Pact's overwhelming superiority over NATO in conventional forces in Europe.

The newspaper's report said the Lance issue was discussed Wednesday at a Brussels meeting of NATO's nuclear planning group and it quoted unnamed British officials there as saying there could be no formal decision

on the issue until after the West German election.

During the two-day defence minister's meeting, which ended Thursday, the US and Britain sought strong backing for plans to modernise the arsenal, while several European nations pressed for early negotiating with the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact to reduce the missiles.

US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney pushed for a stronger response from the allies, but said afterward he was pleased with the final statement that endorsed NATO's strategy of conventional and nuclear defence.

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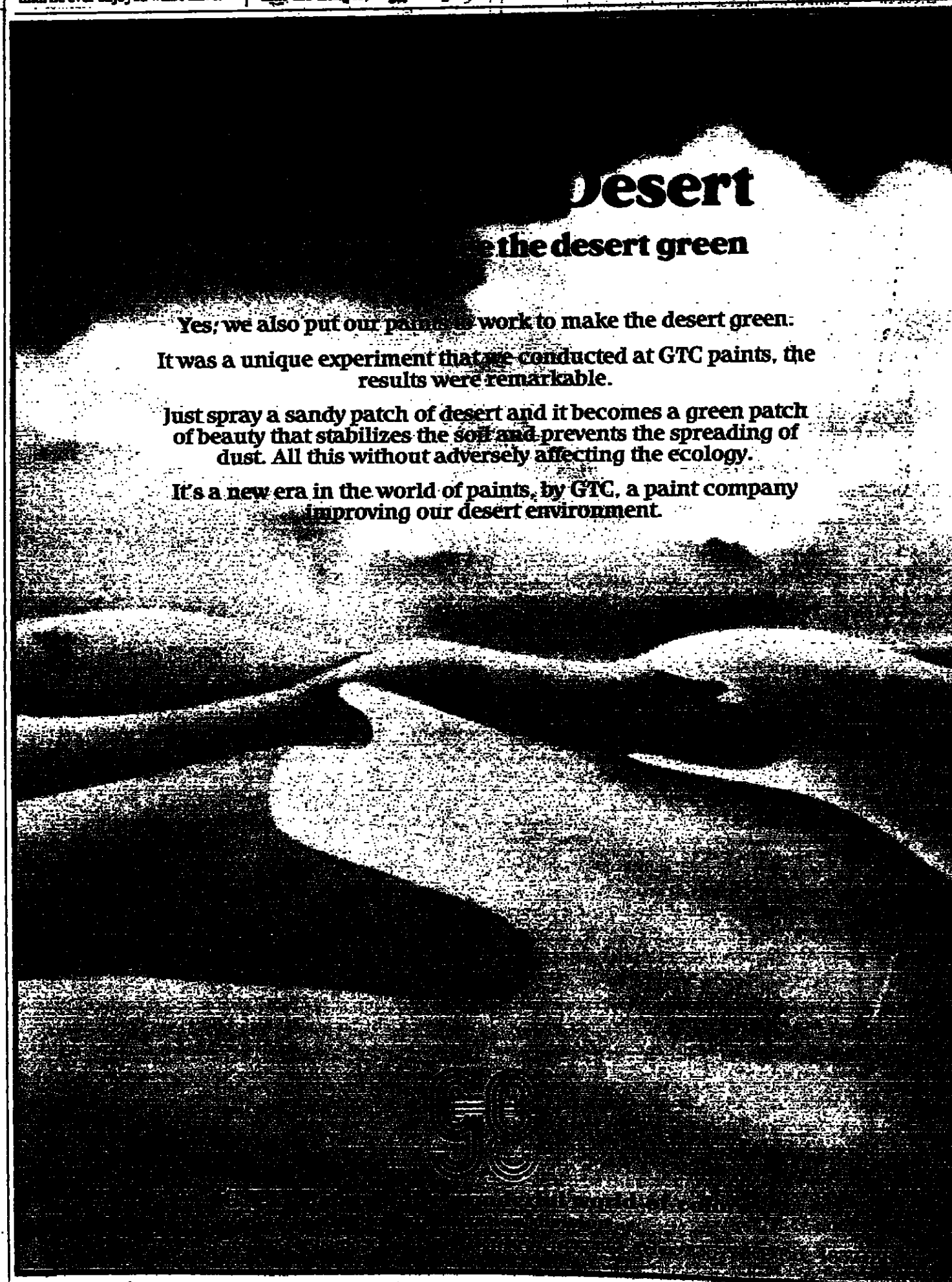
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INTERNATIONAL

# Fault delays Indian missile launch

NEW DELHI, April 21, (Reuters): A technical problem detected just seven seconds before the scheduled blast-off caused the postponement of India's first test of its new long-range missile, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said today.

Quoted official sources at the test site in the eastern state of Orissa as saying scientists worked for several hours to fix

the problem before calling off the test yesterday.

The agency said the test of the Agni (fire) missile, which can carry a one-tonne payload over a 1,600-km (1,000-mile) range, had been put off indefinitely.

PTI did not identify the technical problem.

Indian officials say the Agni test is related to the country's ambitious, but so far generally

unsuccessful, space programme.

They say it could be used to launch observation satellites to monitor any confidence-building measures agreed with Pakistan, against which India has fought three wars since the two became independent of Britain in 1947.

Pakistan, which has tested short- and medium-range missiles of its own this year, is likely

to be nervous over India's development of Agni, Western diplomats say.

Relations between the two countries have shown signs of improvement since last December, when civilian government returned to Islamabad after 11 years of military rule.

The delay of the Agni test will also give the Indian government

a local headache.

As a safety precaution, it had to persuade 11,000 highly reluctant people to move out of their villages near the test site ahead of the scheduled launch, sparking demonstrations from people who did not want to move out, even temporarily, and from pacifists.

The government will now have to do the job all over again.

## Lawyers discuss options

# Khashoggi to stay in jail

BERN, April 21, (AP): Adnan Khashoggi's Swiss lawyer has met with Justice Ministry officials to discuss the jailed Saudi financier's case. Swiss legal sources said Khashoggi would likely remain imprisoned awaiting possible US extradition.

Justice Ministry spokesman Joerg Kistler said Khashoggi's Swiss lawyer, Ralph Zloczower, met with ministry officials to see "what he can do and how to proceed." He declined to provide details.

In a memorandum sent to Khashoggi's head office in Riyadh Wednesday, Morse, his American lawyer, said he would seek a court "determination" of his client's legal status with the aim of getting him out of jail.

But legal sources in Bern, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was not likely that Khashoggi would be allowed to leave jail pending a decision on his extradition.

Khashoggi's lawyers have 10 days to appeal the arrest to the federal tribunal, Switzerland's supreme court.

Kistler said such appeals are usually only granted for health reasons.

The US embassy has said Washington will file a formal extradition request within the 60-day limit under a US-Swiss treaty. If the Swiss approve the demand, Khashoggi can appeal to the supreme court, a process

## Not a billionaire's den

GENEVA, April 21, (AP): Adnan Khashoggi's jail cell is only a five-minute walk from the luxury hotel where the jet-setting Saudi financier and arms dealer was staying before his arrest.

Although the conditions are better than in many other Swiss jails, they are far from the plush surroundings to which he is accustomed.

Khashoggi, once reputed to be among the world's richest men, does not have to wear prison clothes and can order out for meals, some of which he has had delivered from the Schweizerhof Hotel.

He was staying at the hotel in Bern, the Swiss capital, when he was arrested.

His downtown Bern jail is reserved for people in pre-trial protective custody. Like most prisoners there, he has a room to himself. It measures about 30 square feet (three square metres) and is furnished with a bed, table, chair, sink and toilet.

"All the furniture is bolted down," said Bern investigating magistrate Alexander Tschappat.

A radio is in the room, and Khashoggi can rent a television for one franc (about 60 US cents) a day.

"He can also read and write and buy newspapers, but he can't have technical things like a telephone," Tschappat said.

Khashoggi is not receiving special treatment, Tschappat said in a telephone interview.

He said all prisoners could keep their watches and other personal belongings with them, such as family photos. Inmates can receive visitors three days a week for two hours in the afternoon.

that could take months.

But under Swiss law, Khashoggi could also be allowed to turn himself in to authorities in the United States, where he might be able to obtain a quick release on bail.

Khashoggi, 54, was arrested Tuesday morning in a Bern hotel

on a US warrant charging that he helped ousted Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda hide riches stolen from their country.

The US embassy tipped off Swiss police that Khashoggi was in town. But it was unclear how US officials got their information.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Death for shooting spree killer

BARTOW, Florida, April 21, (AP): A retired librarian convicted of shooting six people to death and trying to kill 24 others in a 1987 shopping centre rampage deserves the death penalty, a jury recommended on Wednesday.

William Cruse, 61, sat hunched over the defence table and showed no emotion as the recommendation was read to circuit judge John Antonio after 1-1/2 hours of deliberations.

Antonio, who is not bound by the recommendation but said he would give it great weight, set sentencing for July 28.

The jury, which could have recommended a life prison sentence instead of death, convicted Cruse on April 5 of 32 counts of murder, attempted murder and kidnapping.

The rampage occurred on April 23, 1987, at two shopping centres in Palm Bay, 30 miles (48 kilometres) south of Cape Canaveral on Florida's East Coast. The dead included two policemen and two people from Kuwait.

### Foetal tissue for treatment

BOSTON, April 21, (AP): Doctors may ethically use tissue from aborted fetuses for research and medical treatment, subject to guidelines, an ethics committee at Stanford University medical centre has concluded.

Some experts believe it may be possible to treat a variety of diseases by transplanting tissue taken from aborted fetuses.

The committee prepared guidelines, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, that include:

- women who undergo abortions should not benefit directly from the medical use of their fetuses. They should not be reimbursed for their abortions.

- medical personnel who perform abortions also should not profit from the use of the foetal tissue.

- foetal tissue should be treated with the respect given to cadavers.

- fetuses should not be aborted for the purpose of using their tissue.

### Confusion over the term 'brain dead'

CHICAGO, April 21, (UPI): Most doctors and nurses involved in taking organs for transplants are confused about the legal and medical definitions of the term "brain dead," researchers reported.

Researchers at the Case Western reserve school of medicine surveyed 195 doctors and nurses at four university-based hospitals in Cleveland with organ-transplant programmes.

In findings published yesterday in the journal of the American Medical Association, the researchers said only 68 of those surveyed, or 35 per cent, correctly identified the legal and medical criteria for determining death.

But the study also found that doctors most likely to be in a position to declare the death of a potential organ donor were more than twice as likely to know the proper definition.

### State to pay for libel suit

ATHENS, April 21, (AP): Premier Andreas Papandreu's libel suit against Time magazine for publishing an interview with a Greek fugitive banker who accused him of receiving millions of dollars in bribes will be paid by the state, a government spokesman said today.

Spokesman Constantinos Kostas said that Papandreu has sued the American news magazine "as Premier of Greece... so all expenses incurred by this suit will be paid by the Greek state, which will be reimbursed from the damages received from the positive outcome of the trial."

### 45 killed in severe hailstorm

BEIJING, April 21, (UPI): At least 45 people were killed and 119 injured early Thursday in a severe hailstorm that swept through an area of Sichuan province in southern China, the Xinhua news agency reported.

The storm was centred in the south of the province, around the city of Luzhou, provincial officials told Xinhua. It began around 12:30 am and dumped hail on the city and its suburban districts for half an hour.

Officials said at least 45 people were reported killed and 119 injured, but that the casualty toll could rise because the storm disrupted communications in some areas.

### Driver dies in train crash

POOLE, England, April 21, (AP): An engineer died yesterday when the locomotive he was driving crashed into the rear of a freight train, British Rail officials said.

The locomotive engineer was alone, a driver and guard in the freight train were not injured in the crash outside this south coastal city, said a spokeswoman, speaking anonymously in keeping with British custom.

### Hailstorms in Bangladesh

DHAKA, April 21, (Reuters): A storm dumped giant hailstones over northeastern Bangladesh on Wednesday night, killing at least three people, destroying crops and flattening bamboo homes.

Officials said the little rain it brought failed to ease the drought baking much of this poor south Asian country.

Three people were killed and 100 were injured, some hit by hailstones weighing about two pounds (one kg), when 60 mile per hour (90 kph) winds swept the tea-growing district of Sylhet and the neighbouring area of Sunamganj, officials said yesterday.

### 'Tracks sabotaged'

## Train crash toll now 70

NEW DELHI, April 21, (UPI): Sabotaged tracks may have caused a speeding express train to derail in central Uttar Pradesh, killing at least 70 passengers and leaving injured some 260 occupants inside 12 crowded compartments, a cabinet minister said on Wednesday.

Three relief trains rolled into the capital early Wednesday bearing more than 500 survivors of the Tuesday disaster along a remote stretch of track near Lalitpur, 280 miles (450 km) south of New Delhi.

Survivors gave graphic accounts of the crash, which they said left the locomotive and eight lead compartments undamaged, but hurled 12 carriages off the tracks, scattering baggage and bodies across a dried-up riverbed and farmland.

Officials reported three more bodies had been recovered from the wreckage, bringing the death toll to 70, but would not estimate how many other corpses may still be snared inside the remains of the train that had been heading to Delhi from southern Karnataka state.

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Students clash

More than 1,000 radical students clashed with riot police in Seoul yesterday demanding President Roh Tae-woo's execution, former President Chun Doo Hwan's arrest, and the ouster of 'US imperialists.' The students threw petrol bombs at tear-gas firing riot police at Korea University. Hard-line dissidents

inaugurated a preparation committee for celebration of the 100th anniversary of May Day and said members of 58 organisations will stage a rally and street march on April 30. They said, however, they do not plan a general strike on May Day. (Reuters wirephoto)

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Amiri cable

KUWAIT, April 21, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today sent a cable of congratulations to Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom on the national day of her country.

### Premier's cable

KUWAIT, April 21, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today sent a cable of congratulations to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on the national day of her country.

### Business tour

VIENNA, April 21, (KUNA): Chairman of the new Vienna Chamber of Commerce Carl Dietrich will launch a tour of the Arabian Gulf region next month that will include Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

An official source here told KUNA that Dietrich will arrive in Kuwait on May 26, on a three-day official visit for talks with his Kuwaiti counterpart Abdul Aziz Al Sager as well as representatives of trade and economic sectors for enhancing bilateral co-operation.

Dietrich was elected last month as chairman of the Austrian-Arab Chamber of Commerce, established earlier in the same month.

### Lebanon aid

DAMASCUS, April 21, (KUNA): Trucks loaded with Kuwaiti medical assistance to Lebanon start crossing the Syrian territories by early next week, Kuwaiti ambassador here Ahmad Al Jassam said yesterday.

The ambassador told KUNA that 12 trucks loaded with medical equipment and medicines will cross Syrian lands early next week on its way to Lebanon as a gift from the Kuwaiti people.

He added that Kuwait will ship fuel via Tripoli port, north of Lebanon, and the cargo will be later transported in tankers to eastern Beirut to supply the Dhuq electricity station which had stopped due to lack of fuel oil.

### Symposium

THE Social Welfare and Continuous Education Centre will hold its second symposium for the educational season 88/89 at Kuwait Plaza Hotel on May 13, under the patronage of Sheikhha Latifa, wife of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The symposium will discuss the problem of divorce in Kuwait, its reasons and repercussions, and specialists from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Kuwait Society of Lawyers, as well as experts from Kuwait University will take part.

The vice rector for Social Service and Information at Kuwait University Dr Raisha Al Sabah has said that the symposium will be held as one of a series of such symposia organised by the Social Welfare Centre to discuss vital social issues with serious negative effects on the country's social structure.

### Saudi denial

RIYADH, April 21, (KUNA): Saudi Arabia denied last night what a Soviet official told Reuters that Saudi experts are assisting Afghan mujahideen fighters to topple the current regime in Kabul.

A Saudi official source said that Saudi Arabia is very sorry that such accusations were made by the Soviet Afghan affairs advisor in Washington.

The Saudi source asserted that his country's assistance to the Afghan mujahideen comes within its Islamic duty towards the Afghan people and it is limited to humanitarian, medical and foodstuffs fields.

Saudi Arabia adheres to the principle of non interference in other countries' internal affairs, the official asserted.

# Women smokers in Kuwait on the increase: Awadi

## Serious effort to pass anti-smoking law

KUWAIT, April 21, (KUNA): Planning Minister and Chairman of the Kuwait Society for Combating Smoking and Cancer Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi has warned against expansion in marketing of the cigarette companies in developing nations.

He told a seminar Wednesday night at the society's headquarters.

Awadi further warned against the increased percentage of women smokers in Kuwait.

He said that the advanced countries are working for the elimination of smoking which would push those companies to market their produce in the developing countries.

### Percentage

The minister noted that percentage of men smokers had slid down from 52 per cent in

1979 to 35 per cent in 1987 but noted that women smokers especially in the university had increased to 34 per cent.

He said that cigarette companies' profits amount to 500 per cent which entails that they will use whatever means available to market their produce and maintain their gains.

Awadi said that the society was seriously endeavouring to pass a law protecting non-smokers in public places, pointing out that the law will help smokers lessen the habit, protect non-smokers and provide a healthy environment at work and public places.



## 15,000 attend Girgian celebrations

GIRGIAN night was organised on Wednesday night by the Museums and Antiquities Department of the Ministry of Information.

Celebrations were held to revive old Kuwaiti traditions, in accordance with the instructions of Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Ahmad.

More than 15,000 citizens attended the celebrations along with children who were greeted by a number of famous actors. A contest relating to the ways of Kuwait's old sailors and the history of Kuwait was organised during the celebration for children. Prizes were distributed to over 100 children who won prizes in the contest.

# Private tuition is not all bad, says teachers

## Students benefit too

BOTH male and female students unanimously agree that private tuitions are important in order to obtain good grades in examinations. Some stressed that they were forced to take private lessons because their teachers failed to transfer information during class hours.

On the other hand various students said that because of their low ability in comprehending curricula in classrooms they were pushed to strike deals with their teachers not necessarily for educational reasons, but in order to tempt teachers in giving them good grades for financial rewards.

### Unreliable

Officials say that private tuition is an unreliable phenomenon. The Ministry of Education has already issued several decisions which threaten private tutor with suspension of their services as teachers, but it was to no avail.

The Education Ministry has also closed down private tutorial institutes and replaced them with tutorials classes at the Teachers Society.

Education officials consider the trade of education as a threat to standards in Kuwait. Some teachers believe that private lessons are a correct educational method, where a teacher can provide a student with individual attention and assistance to concentrate and comprehend more.

### Scores

Other teachers consider private tuitions a clear indication of the weakness of the school system. A third group of teachers said that private lessons are a double edged weapon, they may improve the educational level of students or may be exploited for financial reward.

In an interview with a cross-

section of teachers a local daily highlighted their views on the issue.

A physics teacher at one of the secondary schools in Hawalli educational area says he was forced to give private lessons to four female students four months ago after being urged by their parents. He was surprised to see that the four female students were good in physics and just wanted more help to upgrade their skills in solving problems.

The teacher added that he feels very pleased to see that the four students obtain good scores at school. He paid KD5 per lesson per student which he considers low, but he prefers to help his students get good grades at the end of the academic year.

An English teacher at an intermediate school criticised the Education Ministry decision which prevents teachers from giving private lessons. He believes that private tuitions are an apt educational method which results in developing students' abilities and enriching their comprehension. He said that it is wrong to say that private tuitions are an improper phenomenon as some educational officials suggest.

### Popular

Another teacher said that private lessons are popular in advanced countries as well as in Kuwait. He added that private tuitions are more beneficial than classroom lessons because students are given more individual attention.

A number of teachers have also said that giving private lessons to a student is a way to increase the monthly salary. They complained of low salaries and pointed out that giving private lessons in the afternoons does not affect their teaching standards in classrooms.

# Kuwait anticipating a return to prosperity

## Special survey by British magazine

LONDON, April 21, (KUNA): Kuwait is anticipating a return to prosperity after a period of recession and slower growth, according to an important report published here today.

The cessation of the war between Iran and Iraq has brought a new mood of confidence to the Arab country, the specialised publication, Middle East Economic Digest (MEED), said in a special survey on Kuwait.

In a large section entitled "Kuwait 89, Building for the Future", the main Middle East business weekly emphasised that since the nationalisation of its own oil reserves, the third largest in the world, in 1976, Kuwait has sought to exploit this vital resource in a way that will ensure maximum growth over the long term while preserving stability in world oil markets.

### Development

MEED described Kuwait as "a leader in the development of downstream facilities" which has expanded its petrochemical and refining operations to the point where it is now "one of the region's leaders in the export of petroleum products, as well as crude oil."

It indicated that today the Arab Gulf country controls its own hydrocarbons industry from production through transportation and marketing.

After the formation of the state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corporation in 1980, Kuwait also began expanding its oil interests abroad.

Outlining the areas of expansion, the weekly said that since then Kuwait has acquired oil field leases in the US, the Gulf, Mexico, the North Sea and South China Sea, refining and retailing networks in the UK, the rest of Europe and Scandinavia.

The GCC country is also involved in a large number of oil exploration and production projects in Africa, Asia and Europe as well as in other parts of the Middle East.

This policy allowed Kuwait to achieve both "vertical and horizontal integration of its oil industry and enabled it to withstand the sharp fluctuations that have occurred in the world-wide price of crude oil during the 1980s."

MEED quoted Kuwait Oil Minister and Chairman of KPC, Sheikh Ali Khalifah Al Sabah as saying that he expects world oil prices this year to rise close to the OPEC target of \$18 a barrel, following the organisation's agreement in November to reduce its combined output.

This could push Kuwait's oil export earnings up this year to around \$5.5 billion compared

with an estimated \$4.5 billion in 1987 and 1988, and help the country achieve its goal of balancing its budget while still preserving its comprehensive social services and support for private sector trade and industry, the weekly noted.

The publication which is widely read by business and financial experts in Europe underscored that the Kuwaitis are "justifiably proud of the way in which they have used their oil revenues to expand their investments abroad."

Income from these foreign assets now forms a substantial portion of the country's earnings and helps to explain why Kuwait has been able to maintain a surplus on its balance of payments current account, even when oil prices have fallen sharply.

In this wide-ranging report MEED looked at the implications of the end of hostilities in the Gulf war on Kuwait, asserting that the country is looking forward to playing a major role in the reconstruction of both Iran and Iraq.

Referring to the diplomatic efforts to improve relations with both countries, it said that they have resulted in closer ties between Kuwait and both neighbours.

On the agreement by the Iraqi government to provide substantial supplies of water and electricity to Kuwait, the magazine said that the move is expected to greatly increase Kuwait's agricultural and industrial potential.

Kuwait's capital is also being welcomed in Iraq, which is expected to provide an important new market for the export of Kuwait goods and services.

MEED also turned its attention to the major plan to build a new large town at Subiya, near the border with Iraq, to accommodate Kuwait's growing population.

### Profile

The project has excited interest as the new town is expected eventually to house some 100,000 residents and will be connected to the capital via a 30-kilometre causeway, the longest in the Middle East.

The scheme could lead to some \$13 billion in investment over the next two decades, the weekly added.

In its survey the magazine also highlighted that Kuwait's Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah has introduced an "innovative new policy aimed at enhancing the country's profile abroad."

The ministry has set up a special department to deal with

the international media following the establishment of a ceasefire in the Gulf war last August, it went on.

MEED pointed out that since then the ministry has played host to scores of foreign journalists eager to see Kuwait "with their own eyes and ears."

This new policy of openness to the international media was particularly evident during the country's National Day celebrations in February, when journalists from the Soviet Union, India, East and West Europe and the United States were able to take part in a series of press conferences and tours organised by the ministry.

The publication said that Sheikh Jaber told journalists that this new policy "reflects his belief that an open dialogue will benefit not only Kuwait, but also help to encourage its relations with the international community and further international co-operation in general."

### Investment

In another article, MEED carried an interview with the Managing Director of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), Fahad Mohamed Al Rashid, in which he explains his organisation's policy on foreign investments in Europe, the US and Asia.

He also outlined some of the new initiatives KIA is taking in China and other developing countries.

In the future, he explained, KIA will be seeking to use more Kuwaitis to help manage its investments abroad.

During the interview, the KIA managing director also shed light on the broad aspects of Kuwait's investment policy.

Meanwhile, the weekly published also remarks given to it by Kuwait's Minister of Finance Jassim Mohamed Al Khorafi, with MEED in this special section the finance minister discussed the ways in which his ministry hopes to preserve the benefits the Kuwaitis enjoy, particularly in social services, health and education.

He affirmed that in the meantime his ministry was endeavouring to promote the development of private industry and commerce.

Responding to a query, the ministry said "our investment income keeps increasing, but it also depends on the price of oil." "If the price of oil is what was a few years ago, we might find that our oil earnings constitute a very high proportion of our total income."

# National education in schools proposed

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Abdul Rahman Al Khodari has revealed the ministry's intention to re-introduce the subject of national education into the programme of the final intermediate stage starting in the next academic year 1989/90.

He told KUNA that the central idea behind this step was to enrich students' knowledge about their country and to further nurse their feeling of allegiance and patriotism, whereby to endeavour relentlessly to contribute to the national development process in the country.

### Achievements

He added that the subject is also designed to instill a sense of appreciation into the students' minds of the various national achievements and the government's efforts to promote the

sense of patriotism in order to ensure more active contributions to the national development, both at the individual and collective levels.

Khodari pointed out that the subject consists of four chapters, the first concerns with an overview of Kuwaiti history and heritage, the second highlights the political regime and related achievements as well as the workings of the legislative, executive and judicial systems in the country.

He added that the third chapter reviews the different religious, health, social, recreational, sports and other services made available to citizens, and their role in protecting these national achievements and working towards securing more such civilised benefits.

Khodari also said that the

fourth chapter unfolds the obligations and commitments of both the individuals and government in realising political, economic and social security and further nourish the feeling of national belonging.

He pointed out that the ministry had assigned a committee of veteran teachers and senior university professors to lay down the basis for an integrated programme on national education in order to fit it smoothly into the existing curriculum with a view to ensuring the realisation of the sought target.

Meanwhile, the ministry has started paying accommodation allowances to staff occupying government houses and wishing to benefit from the allowance in return for turning over their residences, in accordance with the rates set down by the Civil Service Council.

# Food sales dropping at local markets

THERE is less movement seen at local markets, particularly the foods section several days after the beginning of Ramadan. One of the merchants said that people are now almost out of money and waiting for their salaries. He added that he enjoyed better sales during the beginning of Ramadan, and that business has started dropping since the second half of the holy month began.

He added that consumers like to shop for all their Ramadan food requirements at the beginning of the month so that they can rest easy for the rest. He pointed out that goods are brought fresh especially for Ramadan, but most consumers like to store them at their homes.

Prices of Ramadan commodities have stayed fixed and were not affected by the law of supply and demand, another merchant said. He

added that commodities are cheaper this year as compared with the last year because there is more competition between merchants and importers.

Another merchant expected sales to improve towards the end of Ramadan or just before Eid. He stressed that sales in the days before Ramadan were better than these days and the difference is quite big. A regular times, the merchant said.

Another merchant at the fruit and vegetables market said the prices have dropped noticeably since the beginning of Ramadan. Fruit and vegetables spoil faster because of the heat, so merchants tend to decrease the price to attract buyers, he said.

## Action Line

LAST year I imported some souvenirs from Europe. I instructed my bank to open a Letter of Credit (LC), which it did. To my surprise when the goods arrived they were seized by the customs department. I was told the manufacturer had been blacklisted by the Arab Boycott of Israel Office. Who should be held responsible for this error, I or my bank?

A. Omar, Farwaniya.

THE Arab Boycott of Israel Office in Kuwait tells us that if payment is made through a local bank then the bank is held responsible. According to a long-standing Council of Ministers ruling banks should check whether the manufacturer is blacklisted before opening an LC in his favour. If he is, they are not allowed to open an LC. However, if the manufacturer's name was added to the blacklist after the bank opened an LC there shouldn't be a problem and the importer is free to collect his goods.

WE know that KTV reserves the right to change or cancel programmes. But can we expect an announcement informing us of changes even if it is made just before the scheduled programme?

U.C. Sharma, Salmiya.

KUWAIT Television informs us that such announcements are not planned as programme changes usually happen at short notice.

I HAVE registered with the Public Authority for Civil Information but have not collected my ID which must have expired last year when I renewed my residence permit. Am I liable to any fine?

J. Kitamovich, Salmiya.

THOSE who have failed to register or renew their IDs are subject to a fine of up to KD 100. The ID renewal is a must when you change or renew your residence permit. To renew your ID you have to fill in a form available at every co-operative society. For further enquiries call 2658521 or 2658522.

I HAVE two small children one of whom was recently born in Kuwait. What is the vaccination programme for pre-school children and is inoculation administered abroad valid in Kuwait?

Y.M., Hasawi.

NEWLY born babies are given oral polio drops. At the age of three, four and five months a child is inoculated with a triple or DPT (diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough) vaccine, and polio drops, which are also administered at the age of six months. When a child is one year old it is vaccinated against measles. Booster doses of DPT vaccine and oral polio drops are repeated at ages one and a half, three and a half and school going age. Please note that vaccination is compulsory. If parents don't bring their children for vaccination they will be contacted by social workers. Children who began their inoculation programme outside Kuwait can continue the programme in the country provided they have a written record of previously received vaccines.

I AM an expatriate holding a valid driving licence from my country. Can I get a Kuwaiti driving licence without a test?

A.S. Abbasia.

IT depends on your nationality. Europeans, Americans, Canadians and Australians holding a licence from their countries automatically qualify for a Kuwaiti driving licence. The GCC citizens can use the licence issued in their own countries. Other Arab and Asian nationals can apply for Kuwaiti driving licence only if they work as lawyers, doctors, engineers, teachers or journalists. Those who do not fall into any of these categories but have a valid driving licence from their countries can take a test. But there is a hitch there too. Only those drawing a salary of KD 600 in the private sector and of KD 450 in the government sector need apply.

I AM a newcomer to Kuwait and although I find the markets full of clothes they are either too common or too dear. Could you tell me where I can buy good quality clothes at reasonable prices?

Lorna Khan, Shuiba.

YOUR best bet would be to shop around in Salmiya, Kuwait City or even the air-conditioned souqs. If you are one of those who are not happy seeing the dress you are wearing on someone else then the best thing to do is to buy cloth which is in plentiful supply and find yourself a good tailor. In this way you should be able to get a good quality dress for about KD 12.

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# Modern technology being used for better produce

MODERN technology and advanced production methods have played a big part in improving agricultural production in the world and particularly in the Arabian Gulf region.

In order to highlight the most important modern agricultural methods applied in Kuwait, a local daily interviewed the director of the Agricultural Wealth Department at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Engineer Jassim Habib Al Bader who stressed that one of the most important modern agricultural methods implemented is production with the implantation of vegetable tissues and genetic engineering.

Bader said that the merging of both these methods at one time makes it possible to obtain "the giant plant."

He pointed out that the giant plant has the characteristics of

resisting salty arid weather and provides bigger quantities. The Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries have already established a laboratory for the implantation of vegetable tissues. Experiments are now being conducted on several types of plants and trees.

Meanwhile, the head of the plants raising division at the authority, Dr Helmi Ibrahim said that the objective behind establishing the division is to raise new types of plants that are suitable for agriculture in the Kuwaiti environment. He added, that in order to achieve this, the division depends on genetic engineering and allied plants sciences.

Through the use of these methods the division was able to develop nearly 20 types of tomato that have a high resistance to salt. The division has also developed four kinds of zucchini and 3 types of melons, Dr Ibrahim added.

He pointed out that experiments at the laboratory are currently going on and results will be declared soon.

# Guard shot at chalet

A GUARD of a chalet at Bunsider area was shot in the eye for preventing a number of boys from entering the chalet to hunt pigeons.

According to sources, the boys had come into the chalet to hunt pigeons although Ahmadi Governorate had expressly prohibited hunting in the area.

On the guard preventing them from entering the chalet, one of the boys shot the guard with his air rifle. The victim was rushed to the hospital for treatment. Investigations are under progress.

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## Salcido to face murder charges in California

MEXICO CITY, April 21, (AP): A US winery worker who admitted killing seven people including his wife and two of his daughters, was swiftly deported to the United States by Mexican authorities yesterday to face murder charges in northern California, US government sources said.

Ramon Salcido, who had been sought since the slayings last week in California, was arrested early Wednesday near his hometown of Los Mochis, in the western state of Sinaloa.

Salcido was brought to Mexico City yesterday afternoon and quickly put onto a jet for a flight to California, according to a US embassy source and a US government source in San Francisco. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity and refused to give details.

"I want to be tried in an American court and face an American jury," Salcido said as he arrived in Mexico City, according to the US television network NBC.

Salcido claimed to be an American citizen, according to Mexican authorities. Even though US authorities said they had no record that he had been naturalized, if Salcido had been treated as a Mexican citizen, lengthy extradition proceedings might have been necessary.

Mexican authorities had assured the United States they will act as quickly as possible. The sources refused to say how Salcido was flown out.

Salcido, dressed in a blue shirt and casual slacks, arrived in Mexico City on a commercial flight and was led through a cordon of agents to waiting cars and whisked away.

Salcido was shackled to another, unidentified prisoner at the very rear of the Mexicana Airlines plane that brought him in from Mazatlan, said George Ramirez, a field producer with local television station Kron-TV in San Francisco, who was on the flight.

"He was very tense. He was always moving his head around, looking," Ramirez said.

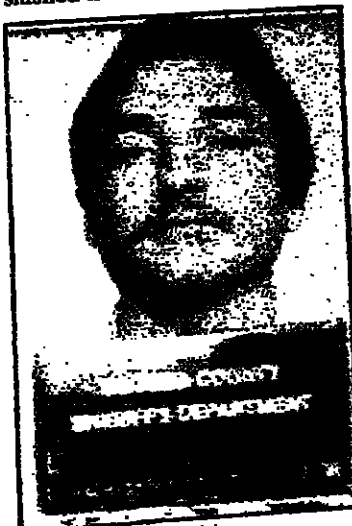
Ramirez said he had a brief conversation in English with Salcido. When asked if he had anything to say to his surviving 2-year-old daughter, who he tried to kill, Salcido said, "No," Ramirez said. When asked if he had any regrets, Salcido also said "No."

When asked about his motive, Salcido replied, "I'll do all my explaining to US authorities."

Salcido, 28, admitted to the slayings on Wednesday night in a TV interview and said he made his way back to Mexico to see his parents for the last time. He refused to discuss his motives.

Federal officials said he had told agents he killed his American-born wife, Angela Richards, and a winery co-worker, Tracy Toovey, and five other people in a jealous rage when he came to believe Toovey and his wife were romantically involved.

The only survivor of the rampage, his 2-year-old daughter Carmina, is recovering from a slashed throat.



Salcido

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## Swami's sex bait sought green card

## Pamela, Wright in one frame

LONDON, April 21, (AP): US House of Representatives Speaker Jim Wright and self-confessed ex-call-girl Pamela Bordes were pictured together in a 1983 photograph printed yesterday by the Daily Mail.

Wright is currently under investigation for alleged unethical conduct. Pamela, 26, is a former Miss India beauty queen whose sex and scandal memoirs allegedly involving rich and powerful men around the world are being serialized by the London tabloid.

The paper reported yesterday in the second instalment of her memoirs that the picture of her and Wright was taken in Wright's office on Capitol Hill while he was still a Congressman.

In its copyrighted story, the paper said that at that time Pamela was working for the Indian mystic and businessman Chandra Swami. The meeting was arranged by the Swami, who had far-ranging business connections in Washington, the paper reported.

It continued: "Among the things discussed, according to those close to the Swami, was the

possibility of obtaining a 'green card' permit for Pamela officially to become an American resident.

"Unknown to Jim Wright, this was at a time when she was, in her own words, working as 'sex bait' for the Swami's international business deals. At the meeting, the Swami presented Mr Wright with some ceremonial gifts and pleaded with him to help Pamela."

"His (Wright's) staff sent a copy of this picture to Pamela signed with his best wishes. She and the Swami left the country in a hurry after a business deal began to go legally sour."

"A spokesman for Mr Wright said last night (Wednesday) that they remembered the meeting with the Swami and his party, of which Pamela Singh (as she was then known) was a member, but they did not recall doing anything to help her obtain a green card."

Wright accused the House Ethics Committee of dragging its feet on allegations against him while the Republican leader who brought the charges suggested Democrats will try to nudge Wright aside before his case can reach the full house.



## Diana Ross greeted

Diana Ross performs at a surprise appearance at the Brixton Academy, London, on Thursday. In her 10-minute act she performed two songs and was greeted rapturously by her fans. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Professor denies

## 'Fossil history of India faked'

SYDNEY, Australia, April 21, (AP): An internationally renowned Indian scholar faked the fossil history of India and the Himalayas in "one of the biggest paleontological frauds of all time," an Australian scientist said yesterday.

But Indian Prof. Viswa Jit Gupta denied the accusations made against him and threatened to sue Australian John Talent, whose accusation he called "baseless, mischievous, personal and biased."

Talent, an associate professor in Earth Sciences at Sydney's Macquarie University, told the Associated Press that Gupta, a geologist at the Punjab University in Chandigarh, invented fictitious fossils and had rewritten the geological history of northern India.

Talent said Gupta had based his writings on specimens "that could be bought in fossil shops, and were often picked up in the United States, parts of Europe, China and elsewhere."

Talent's findings were to be published yesterday in respected British journal Nature and later in the week in the US Magazine Science.

Jealousy "It is a case of professional jealousy," the 46-year-old Gupta said in India, looking pale and his voice sometimes choking and trembling.

"I am planning to launch legal proceedings against Talent," Gupta told an AP reporter. Gupta's legal adviser, S. R. Bansal, was at his side.

"Difference of opinion among scientists is nothing new, but in this case it has taken a personal shape. I am shocked at all this," said Gupta.

Talent, who provided the AP with copies of his Nature journal paper, said Gupta had published about 400 scientific papers and several major texts on the geology of the Indian subcontinent.

The Sydney Morning Herald newspaper, in an earlier interview, said Talent estimated that about 60 scientists had "unwittingly been drawn into the fraud by agreeing to examine specimens and co-author papers."

Talent said Gupta had reported discovering a "huge number" of fossils in remote areas of the Himalayas, which because of the high mountain range is accessible to few scientists.

He contended that most fossil specimens were "common laboratory rocks."

Suspicious Talent said he first became suspicious of Gupta's research in 1971 because of a research paper on graptolites, tiny marine fossils, that he reported came from a site in Kashmir.

Talent, after visiting the site said: "To my amazement you could never find graptolites or any kind of fossils there because the site was so messed up."

"I became intrigued at the results that Gupta was putting into the literature," he said. "I initially believed that the fraud would collapse under its own weight."

## Recovering from heart attack

## Ball remains in intensive care

LOS ANGELES, April 21, (Reuter): The condition of Lucille Ball, star of the world hit television series "I Love Lucy," was upgraded from critical to serious as she continued to recover from a near-fatal heart attack.

"Her condition continues to improve," hospital spokesman Ron Wise said. "Based on her continued progress, we have upgraded her condition from critical to serious."

Ball, 77, had an eight-hour operation on Tuesday to replace parts of her aorta, the main artery of the heart, which had begun to tear apart all the way to her stomach. Her heart was stopped for two hours during the operation.

# Iowa gun turret explosion kills 47

## US sets moratorium; probe begins

WASHINGTON, April 21, (UPI): The powerful explosion that tore through a gun turret of the battleship USS Iowa and killed 47 sailors occurred the instant the captain ordered the gun crew to "commence firing," a Navy officer disclosed yesterday.

As the remains of dead were flown home, the Navy launched an investigation into the worst US naval accident in 20 years and ordered a moratorium on the firing of similar 16-inch (400 mm) guns on any of the four battleships in active naval service.

A military honours ceremony at Delaware's Dover Air Force base, led by Navy Secretary William Ball, greeted the flag-draped coffins containing the remains of the men, who are believed to have died instantly in the blast.

President Bush did not attend the Dover ceremony but told reporters at the White House that he intends to "find out in infinite detail" what happened aboard the battleship and ensure that "safety is at its highest level."

Bush will travel to Norfolk, Virginia, on Monday to pay respect to the relatives of the sailors killed.

The 45-year-old Iowa was firing its huge 16-inch (400 mm) guns during routine gunnery practice about 200 miles (320 km) northeast of Puerto Rico Wednesday when an explosion and fire ripped through gun turret No. 2 on the front of the ship.

A gun turret is a heavily armoured circular structure, equivalent to a seven-storey high building running from the bottom of the ship to the deck. Each one houses three of the ship's nine 16-inch (400 mm) guns along with shells, powder and machinery.

It is also where the gun crew works, and Vice-Adm. Jerome Johnson, commander of the 2nd Fleet who was aboard the Iowa when the explosion occurred, told reporters in Puerto Rico that



Gun turret No. 2 slumped after the explosion. (Reuter wirephoto)

58 men were inside turret No. 2 at the time of the explosion.

"Forty-seven crewmen are dead. Between 10 and 12 have suffered minor injuries. Most of these were in the firefighting party. There are not serious injuries," Pentagon spokesman Fred Hoffman said.

Only the 11 crewmen who were in the lowest level of the turret escaped, the Navy said.

The Iowa, one of four World War II battleships modernised and recommissioned by the Reagan administration in the 1980s, was taking part in the Atlantic fleet training exercise "Fleets 3-89" with 28 other ships at the time.

The Iowa dropped anchor about 15 miles (24 km) off the Roosevelt Roads naval air station in Puerto Rico to allow the remains of the 47 dead to be transported to the base by helicopter and then flown to Dover.

Navy officials were trying to piece together what happened as the Iowa, which suffered no external damage and remained

seaworthy, left Puerto Rico at midday Thursday en route to its home port of Norfolk, Virginia.

At Norfolk, Navy Lt. Kevin Hays of Omaha, Nebraska, said, "There are lot of guys kind of shaken. I'm sure nobody slept well last night."

Johnson, who was on the bridge of the Iowa at the time of the explosion, told reporters the explosion occurred when gun turret No. 2 was being loaded after the No. 1 turret had been fired.

"During the process of loading (gun turret No. 2), for some unexplained reason, there was a tremendous explosion and fire," Johnson said. "The explosion and fire were instantaneous."

In Washington, a former commanding officer of the Iowa said reports from the ship indicated 660 rounds (300 kg) of "black powder" — the amount used to fire a 2,700-pound (1,225-kg) shell the size of a small car — exploded on the top level of the turret, where the guns are actually loaded.

## The oceans are warming faster than thought

LOS ANGELES, April 21, (UPI): The oceans are warming and rising about twice as rapidly as believed, suggesting that global warming caused by the burning of fossil fuels has already begun, the Los Angeles Times reported yesterday.

Satellite data indicates that the temperature of the earth's oceans has been rising at a yearly rate of nearly 0.2 degrees Fahrenheit (0.1 C) through most of the 1980s, the Times said in a report based on findings to be published in yesterday's journal Nature.

"We may be just beginning to witness the onset of warming," produced by the accumulation of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, known as the greenhouse effect, said oceanographer Alan E. Strong of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration in Suitland, MD.

Combined with recently reported data that five of the hottest years in recorded history have occurred during the 1980s — perhaps as a result of the greenhouse effect — the new report offers evidence that the planet may already have entered a period of unprecedented heat.

The report — coupled with findings announced on Wednesday by Richard Peltier of the University of Toronto that the level of the oceans is rising about one-twelfth of an inch (2.1 mm) per year — seem to add new urgency to predictions of widespread coastal flooding.

Monitoring ocean temperatures has been particularly difficult in the past because little data has been available to cover the vastness of the oceans.

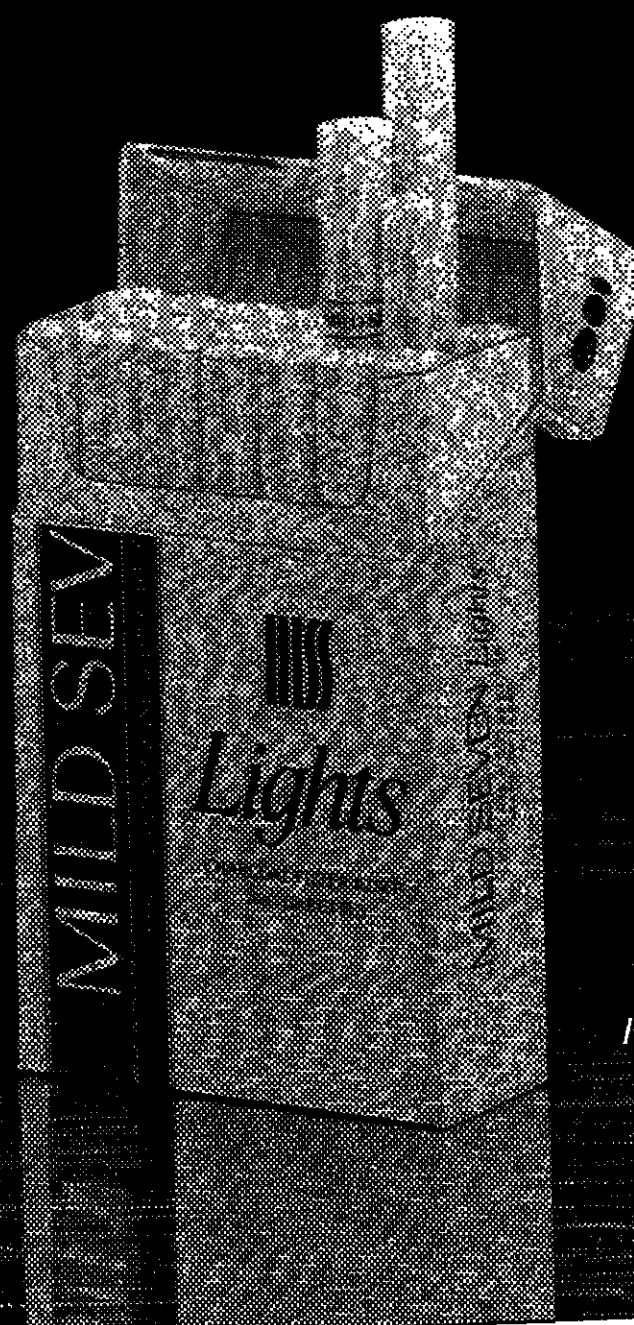
But with the new satellite measurements, which can provide as many as three million observations per month, researchers are more assured of the accuracy of their findings.

Strong told the Times he has discovered an upward trend in temperatures of about 0.18 degrees Fahrenheit (0.1 C) per year, about twice the rate of increase that had been measured before the use of the satellite data.

Measurements of changes in the ocean level are also quite difficult, Peltier said.

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It is a funny thing about life; If you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it. — W. Somerset Maugham, English writer (1874-1966).

## OPINION

## Support Jordan

HAD Jordan been a state advocating terrorism, murder of dignitaries, destruction of vital installations, or had Jordan been demanding everything in victory, giving nothing in the event of losing, had King Hussein been a terrorist such as Marcos or Abu Nidal or their likes, the whole world would have rushed to its help to pacify its internal front.

The Jordanian people have had the right to express themselves through demonstrations. Indeed, there is an economic crisis in Jordan — like it happens in other countries. Perhaps the economic crisis in other countries was even more severe than in Jordan. For example the incidents in Sudan and Algeria and some other Arab countries, where such incidents were banned and news buried.

What must be remembered is that the departure of a government in Jordan and the formation of a new one will not solve the problem. It must also be remembered that Jordan's needs to overcome the economic crisis are unlike the demands of the US or Soviet budgets.

Jordan's needs are simple and the problem of its people can be solved. We as Arabs should not forget that Jordan is on the frontline with Israel. Jordan has been greatly responsive to any Arab nationalist call — for example its support for Iraq during its war with Iran, its attitude towards security issues in most Arab countries where Jordan never failed to send its military experts to offer assistance.

Thus, we should have rushed to Jordan's support particularly when the amounts demanded were not too large to shake the budgets. Our support should have extended to the moral aspect also.

For certain reasons, Jordan is passing through an economic crisis, caused by the transfer from one stage to another. This stage may not take a long time. It only requires care and help from the Arab world — who one day found Jordan a stubborn frontline state, a state of active diplomacy, the country of Arab solidarity that never said no to Arab consensus.

Jordan has never tried to influence any internal front in any Arab country. It also never interfered in any country's internal affairs. But, at the same time, Jordan provides advice to Arab leaders free of cost.

We must now rush to help and support Jordan, before it is too late and before we are compelled to admit that we delayed in extending our help.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

## US standing idle in Afghanistan

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Two months after Soviet troops withdrew from Afghanistan under pressure from US-backed mujahideen, critics say America no longer has a coherent and effective policy for promoting the rebel cause.

The resistance is beset with difficulties, both military and political, and the Soviet-backed government in Kabul is putting up a more effective fight for survival than was expected.

Congressional critics and private analysts say Washington is doing little more than standing idly by.

"It seems to me our policy is watching and waiting and hoping for the best. Surely we can exert more influence than we are," said Gordon Humphrey, a Republican senator who is one of the most ardent resistance supporters in the American Congress, at a recent Senate hearing.

Others say Washington is providing the wrong weapons and failing to press the mujahideen to form a representative government — partly because Afghanistan is no longer a priority.

"What's the aim?" asked Robert Neumann, former US envoy to Kabul. "It was to get the Russians out. That accomplished, what government Afghanistan has is a lesser objective."

The Kabul government, which Washington says is illegitimate, has clung to power longer than many had predicted it could without Soviet soldiers to prop it up. The last Soviet troops left on Feb 15.

Resistance forces ring the strategic city of Jalalabad have found it difficult to adjust from guerrilla fighting to conventional siege tactics. Hampered by poor co-ordination between rival factions, plagued by bombings and minefields, they have been bogged down for some six weeks.

Some Western diplomats say the mujahideen cannot win a military victory and a negotiated settlement may now have to be sought.

The State Department rejects that view, believing the fall of the Kabul government is inevitable. But independent Afghanistan-watchers feel the administration of President George Bush is not doing enough to help the rebels win.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1529 — Treaty of Saragossa defines interests of Spain and Portugal in the Pacific; Spain gives up claim to the Moluccas.
- 1796 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Piedmont Army at Mondovi.
- 1821 — Greek patriarch of Constantinople is slain by Turks as reprisal for Greek massacre of Turks in the Morea.
- 1822 — Turkish fleet captures island of Chios off Greece and massacres Christian inhabitants or sells them as slaves.
- 1915 — Germany Army uses poison gas for first time on Western front in World War I.
- 1926 — Persia, Turkey and Afghanistan sign treaty of mutual security.
- 1931 — Treaty of friendship between Egypt and Iraq — first pact between Egypt and an Arab state.
- 1945 — Allied forces take Bologna in Italy during World War II.
- 1956 — China appoints Dalai Lama chairman of committee to prepare Tibet for regional autonomy within Chinese People's Republic.
- 1962 — Fighting breaks out again in Laos.
- 1969 — First nonstop solo sailing voyage around world is completed by Robin Knox-Johnston, 30-year-old Briton, as he arrives back in England 312 days after setting sail from Falmouth in his Ketch.
- 1975 — South Vietnam is falling to communists, and first Vietnamese refugees arrive on west coast of the United States.
- 1977 — Political violence escalates in Pakistan, and at least 10 people are reported killed when police fire on anti-government demonstrators in Karachi.
- 1986 — An Arab is accused in a London court of attempting to blow up Israeli airliner with a bomb carried by his pregnant Irish girlfriend.
- 1988 — Israeli warplanes blast Palestinian guerrilla bases south of Beirut, Lebanon.

Punjabi Sikhs see themselves as an endangered species

## Khalistan: an expression of Sikh fear

By Susanne Rudolph

FRAME 1: It is the height of the harvest season in Punjab, the most productive agricultural state in India, heartland of the green revolution that has made India self-sufficient in food. Thousands of Punjab seasonal labourers from the east of India, stream in by bus and train to harvest the crop. A group of young men in turbans enters the labourers' camp and begins shooting with automatic rifles. In the wake of death and destruction, thousands of Punjab flee home in terror.

Frame 2: Four young men enter the brilliantly coloured tent that has been erected for a wedding reception in a small town in Punjab. They inspect the tables laden with food. There are no signs of wine or liquor. No cigarettes. A vegetarian menu. They are satisfied. The bride's father breathes a sigh of relief as the uninvited guests depart.

The young men are Sikhs, the religious community that dominates Punjab. They are part of the small but insistent fraction of Sikhs who believe their religion can find proper expression only in a separate state, Khalistan. Since 1980, the secessionists have emerged as one of those intense extremist movements, like the IRA, that subvert the energies of a large sovereign state while violently disrupting the lives of their own community.

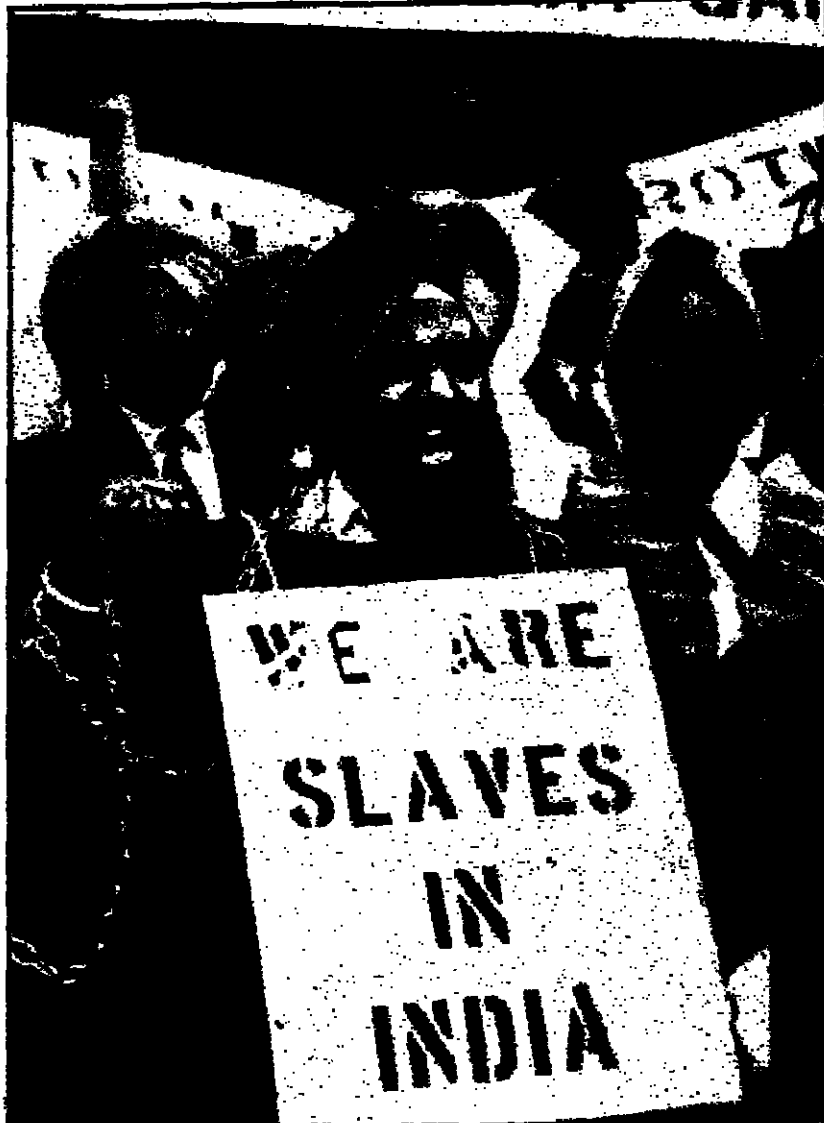
The Sikhs are fighting for a separate state in which it would be possible to control the inequalities and corrupt accretions that they see as the consequence of assimilation to Hinduism on the one hand and to generate modern culture on the other. Their uninvited attendance at the wedding is an attempt to enforce puritanical norms on those Sikhs whose observances are more casual. The shooting of the Punjab is meant to demonstrate that agriculture-as-usual has to reckon with the more urgent goal of religious self-realization, and to drive out competing labour.

The visit to the wedding suggests the issue is not so much one of an oppressed minority seeking religious tolerance as of devout believers who see tolerance itself as a threat to religion.

Tolerance allows wrong practices. Religion must have a setting in which people of true faith not only support one another but in which right religious practices are enforced by community opinion. It must be sheltered against an environment in which the faithful are tempted, for purposes of getting along, to dilute their observances.

Khalistan is a political objective, but it is also the expression of Sikh fear of assimilation by the infinitely larger Hindu community. Even if the great majority of Sikhs seem indifferent to Khalistan and have a more casual attitude toward observance, they are nevertheless touched by the appeal that cherished norms and life-ways are endangered.

When they are not touched, they are frightened by the swift-moving and remorseless young men on motor scooters who punish the moderates and conciliators in their own community as often as they kill the Hindus they want to chase out of Punjab. All this occurs in a state where, even before the present conflict, carrying weapons was common and the murder rate was one of the highest in India.



Sikh demonstrators protest the presence of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in Canada. Right: A Sikh worshipper stands on the marble causeway leading to the Golden Temple in Amritsar, India.



Sikhism is a devotional religion, akin to other faiths that became prominent in India after the 16th century. It is egalitarian, and critical of the inequalities and ritualism of classical Brahmanic Hinduism.

It had and has a pacifistic variant that emphasizes the inwardness of the relationship to God, the Sikhism of Guru Nanak. It has a militant expression, prominent since the 17th century, that conceives of Sikhism as a martial community prepared to defend itself, the Sikhism of Guru Gobind Singh. It has cherished traditions of martyrdom that recall the death of Sikh gurus in conflict with the Moghul empire.

Sikh traditions of martyrdom lend themselves to comparison with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's attack on the Golden Temple, the Sikhs' holiest shrine, in 1984. To the government of India, it seemed that it was ousting terrorists who

were using a holy shrine to shelter their weapons and cadres. For many Sikhs, it was a fearsome violation of sacred space.

For some, Sant Bhindranwale, the leader of Sikh extremists who died in that attack, is only the latest martyr in the story of Sikh suppression. So are the 3,000 or more Sikhs who died in Delhi in retaliatory massacres after Indira Gandhi was slain in 1984 by her Sikh bodyguards. Those who perpetrated the Delhi massacres have never been prosecuted, and some of the accused serve in highest public office.

The Congress party of Indira and Rajiv Gandhi is both agent of the Punjab crisis and its victim. Many in India believed that if Indira Gandhi in 1980 had been willing to share power in Punjab with the moderate Sikhs of the Akali Dal Party, forming a coalition government of the sort that had ruled peacefully between 1977 and 1980, the present situation would not have arisen.

Instead, Indira Gandhi and former President Zail Singh, then leader of the Congress party in Punjab, excluded the Akali Dal from power. To do so, they

used the fundamentalist wing of the Sikhs to help build a Congress party victory in Punjab. They played the religious card successfully. But it returned to haunt them. The fundamentalist collaborators of 1980, strengthened by that collaboration, became the terrorists of 1983-84.

Why have Punjabi Sikhs come to see themselves not only as an endangered species on religious grounds, but as downwardly mobile community? A smarting issue has been the reduction of Sikhs in the armed forces. Under the British raj, Sikhs were considered a martial race, good fighters, and were favoured in Army recruitment.

They constituted 17 to 20 per cent of the armed forces, greater than their 2 per cent proportion of the population. The new policy smarted because Sikhs thought of themselves as patriotic defenders of India. They believed they had earned much credit in the 1965 and 1971 wars with Pakistan. The reduction in numbers looked like a deliberate attempt to cut down to size what had been an honored minority. It also deprived young rural

Sikhs of a valued career opportunity.

The Sikh issue has become seriously entangled in the conflict with Pakistan. Sikhs cross the border to worship in West Punjab, the portion of the state that went to Pakistan at partition in 1947. Pakistan is believed by India to provide weapons to the border crossers, to encourage or close its eyes to the drug traffic that finances the secessionists, and to fuel the fires of Sikh terror. The Indian government has been hesitant to build major industries in an area so vulnerable to attack by the most likely opponent in war. To Sikhs, this lack of investment looks like a deliberate attempt to keep Punjab an agricultural state.

Today, the Punjab state government is suspended, and the state is governed by president's rule, a constitutional device by which the federal government can take over a state when law and order fail. The opposition says the takeover was unnecessary, and ended the last opportunities to rebuild a civil politics in the Punjab. The killings continue, monotonously.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

## Speaker Jim Wright down, but not out ... yet

Violations technical not ethical, say Democrats

By Steven Komarow

WASHINGTON, (AP): Public airing of the ethics committee report on House speaker Jim Wright provides his opponents with reams of political ammunition, but does not in itself strike a fatal blow.

Democrats must move to quickly mould public opinion if the speaker is going to keep his leadership post, and Wright's allies say having the facts on the table can help.

The committee on standards of official conduct on Monday released a voluminous report by its special counsel and charged Wright with 69 instances of violating House rules.

The report provides sometimes embarrassing details of the financial benefits he received from friendships with two Fort Worth businessmen. Wright is the ruler of the opposition Democratic party majority in the house.

One, Carlos Moore, gave Wright unusually high royalties when he published the speaker's book, "Reflections of a public man." With fifty-five cents of every dollar going to Wright, the committee said it appeared that the speaker was using bulk sales of the paperback to evade House limits on outside income from speeches.

The second friend, George Mallick, had a business partnership with the speaker. Wright and his wife, Betty, benefited from the free use of a condominium and a car, and an \$18,000 annual salary to Mrs Wright.

House members are looking at the committee report on two political levels: within the institution and in their home districts.

Within the House, release of the report caused members to begin focusing on their own situations.

"We have to deal with it on a very specific level," said Martin Frost, a Texas Democrat and Wright ally who contends lawmakers will make independent judgments despite pressure at home. "I think members don't want to be stamped on in this, one way or another."

## Confronted

Frost said members confronted with the committee's findings will find them troubling because of their broad implications. For example, it decided that Mallick had an interest in legislation using a standard so broad that anyone with wealth would fall in the same category, he contended, a situation that could snare many lawmakers.

"I think members will look at this in a serious way and say, 'Is this fair?'" he said.

Outside of the House, Democrats must persuade the public that the violations Wright is accused of are mostly technical and not really unethical. They can't afford to wait for the committee to render a verdict on whether Wright should be found guilty and punished.

The initial rush of publicity was seen by virtually everyone as negative for Wright, but Democratic leaders argued that as they rebut the specific charges the public will come to believe that Wright is being held to an unjust standard.

Rep. Beryl Anthony of Arkansas, chairman of the Democratic congressional campaign committee, said that "once people clearly understand... then you get an entirely different feel and reaction."

## Political hot potato since 1987

## Sigh of relief as referendum is called off in South Korea

By Daniel Schneider

TOKYO: South Korean President Roh Tae Woo's surprise decision to call off a referendum on his rule has won support from most of his political opponents.

"It is a victory for our people who hope for democratic progress amid stability," said the Party for Peace and Democracy led by anti-government stalwart Kim Dae Jung. The President's announcement on Monday is a "very universal loud sigh of relief" from the opposition, says a Western diplomat in Seoul.

President Roh and his opponents are concerned that a public campaign at this time would only further political confrontation and polarization in South Korea. Only forces on the extremes of the political spectrum, they say, would benefit from such a clash.

The left had welcomed the referendum as an opportunity to press its campaign to overthrow the Roh government. The right argued that a victory would strengthen the President's hand against both the parliamentary opposition and the radical left.

The government appeared headed for a non-binding mid-April referendum. The outcome of that vote was far from predictable. Some polls showed a Roh victory, reflecting in part concerns about stability fuelled by labour unrest and radical student violence.

But there remain powerful lingering doubts as well. These centre on Roh's ties to the previous, unpopular, authoritarian regime of fellow ex-general Chun Doo Hwan.

The Chun regime is under investigation by the National Assembly and by the government prosecutors for corruption and abuse of power. The opposition has demanded Chun's appearance before investigating committees of the Assembly, where the opposition holds a majority of the seats.

## Referendum

Korean press reports speculate that the decision to indefinitely postpone the referendum was based on a back-room deal struck between the government and the opposition over the handling of the Chun issue and further democratic reforms.

A government official declined to comment on those reports, but pointed to the President's statement that "the issue of liquidating the negative legacies of the past era will wound up through the exercise of political wisdom on the part of both the government party and the opposition."

The referendum issue has been a political hot potato since Roh suggested it. In the heat of the presidential election battle in December 1987, Roh promised an "interim appraisal" of his rule by the public. The pledge was intended to reassure voters of Roh's commitment to democracy and help him overcome the negative image of being Chun's hand-picked successor.

Since the election, the opposition has held the pledge over Roh's head as a constant threat, using it as a lever to press the government on other issues. But while publicly calling on the government to honour its promise, the opposition's own enthusiasm for such a test of popularity has been less than overwhelming.

An anti-Roh vote, opposition strategists calculated, might trigger a new

presidential election before they were prepared to fight it. A victory would strengthen the government.

Among the opposition party leaders, only Kim Young Sam has continued to press for the mid-term assessment to take place. Korean political analysts say Kim's main motive was competition with rival Kim Dae Jung for the status of being the leading opponent of the government.

## Image

Kim Dae Jung, on the other hand, has been trying to shed his extremist image and to establish his credentials as a centrist. Kim Dae Jung, according to sources close to him, was also worried that the turmoil surrounding a referendum would only provide an opportunity for extreme rightwing elements, backed by the military, to make a bid to restore their power.

Ironically, the referendum had already turned into more of a tool for the right than for the opposition.

With poll results indicating a good chance of a Roh victory, members of the ruling party argued that this was a time to regain absolute authority.

Rightwing pressure on the President was evident in the days before his decision. A prominent rightist, Kim Yong Kap, a former Army major, resigned last week from his cabinet post calling for a crackdown on the left. "Only a strong government is able to achieve democratic reforms and likewise able to kick leftists out of our society," he told reporters last Friday.

The President referred to such voices in his nationally televised speech. "Not a few have maintained that the authority of the President and the administration would be strengthened by winning a vote of confidence through a national referendum, even though this would entail some commotion," Roh said. But he said he decided to put national interests ahead of partisan concerns.

Analysts here generally agree that for most of the political forces in South Korea, the risks of the referendum outweighed its possible benefits.

"The voice of caution prevailed," the Western diplomat commented, "and they all agreed this was something they'd just rather do without."

The Christian Science Monitor.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Highest-paid US corporate boss

## Walt Disney chief made \$40.1m

NEW YORK, April 21, (AP): Walt Disney chairman Michael D. Eisner, who orchestrated the company's transformation into a multimedia entertainment titan, tops Business Week's list of highest-paid US corporate bosses with earnings of \$40.1 million last year.

Right behind him on the list released yesterday is Disney's president, Frank G. Wells, who garnered \$32.1 million, the magazine reported in its May 1 edition. The bulk of money earned by Eisner and Wells came from stock options they exercised.

Business Week said the biggest surprise in its 39th annual survey of executive pay in

the United States was the average salary and bonus for chief executive officers topped \$1 million for the first time, and the average total compensation exceeded \$2 million.

### Increase

The survey of 354 corporations found the average CEO's salary and bonus rose to nearly \$1.13 million, an increase of 17 per cent over a year earlier. Stock options and long-term pay upped the figure to more than \$2.02 million, up 14 per cent over a year earlier.

The advances far exceeded the 1988 average inflation rate of 4.4 per cent.

In the magazine's own analysis of how the CEO's performed considering the money they make, Business Week gave the best rating to Holy Farms Corp.'s R. Lee Taylor II, whom it said "gets paid chicken feed by today's standards."

Taylor made a total of \$816,000 over the past three years for running a company with \$1.8 billion in annual sales.

Here in descending order are the top earners ranked by Business Week in terms of 1988 total pay, which includes salary, bonus and long-term compensation:

Michael D. Eisner, chairman, Walt Disney, \$40.1 million. Frank G. Wells, President, Walt Disney, 32.13 million.

E.A. Horrigan Jr., former vice chairman, RJR Nabisco Inc., 21.73 million. F. Ross Johnson, former chief executive, RJR Nabisco, 21.07 million.

Martin S. Davis, chairman, Gulf and Western Inc., 16.25 million. Richard L. Gelb, chairman, Bristol-Myers Co., 14.05 million. William F. Stutz, chairman, Ralston Purina Co., 12.95 million. Baine P. Kerr, chairman, executive committee, Pennzoil Co., 11.55 million.

J. Hugh Liedtke, chairman, Pennzoil, 11.54 million.

Paul Fireman, chairman, Reebok International Ltd., 11.44 million.

## Dollar mixed

### Gold strengthens

LONDON, April 21, (AP): The US dollar was mixed in early European trading today as foreign currency dealers assessed the impact of yesterday's unexpected interest rate hike in West Germany. Gold prices rose.

Dealers said the market had calmed down after late Thursday's hectic trading following the Deutsche Bundesbank's announcement it was raising key interest rates by half a percentage point.

"It's quiet today," said Ernst Pullman, chief trader at Deutsche Girozentrale in Frankfurt. "People were expecting the Japanese to raise their interest rates, but it looks like that's not going to happen right away."

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late yesterday: — 1.8458 West German marks, up from 1.8450 — 1.6320 Swiss francs, up from 1.6275 — 6.2590 French francs, down from 6.2925 — 2.0835 Dutch guilders, down from 2.0990 — 1.3575 Italian lire, down from 1.3615 — 1.1840 Canadian dollars, unchanged.

Expensive In London, one British pound cost \$1.7185, slightly more expensive for buyers than late yesterday \$1.7115.

Gold prices rose in quiet

European dealings as bullion dealers awaited developments in oil prices and in the dollar before acting more decisively. Soaring oil prices and a sinking dollar yesterday gave the recently sluggish precious metal a healthy kick higher.

Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$385.50 a troy ounce, up from \$385.25 bid late yesterday. At mid-morning, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$385.25.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$385.00 up from \$382.70 bid late yesterday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose 96 cents to close at a bid of \$386.41.

Silver was quoted in London at a bid price of \$5.79 a troy ounce, up from yesterday's \$5.76.

The US dollar fell against the Japanese yen today, while prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange dropped after announcements of interest rate hikes in Europe.

The 225-issue Nikkei stock average, which lost 178.68 points yesterday, shed another 155.34 points, or 0.47 per cent, to finish trading at 33,029.81.

The dollar ended the week at 131.45 yen, down 0.83 yen from its 132.28 yen closing yesterday.

The US currency opened lower at 131.35 yen and ranged between 131.30 and 131.75 yen during the day.

The dollar's lower opening was because of announcements of interest rate hikes in West Germany and other European nations, said Ichiro Ikeda of Chemical Bank in Tokyo.

"Investors began speculating over a possible interest rate hike by Japanese monetary authorities in the near future and bought the yen," he said.

But investors then slowed down their yen-buying following comments by (Japanese) Finance Minister (Tatsuo) Murayama this morning, Ikeda added.

Murayama said early today that he saw no need at the moment to raise the country's official discount rate.

"I don't see any need for a change in credit conditions," Murayama told a news conference following a regular cabinet meeting.

On the stock exchange, prices were lower throughout the day because of the European interest rate hikes and higher oil prices, said Kenji Ishizuka of Daiwa Securities.

Oil prices surpassed \$22 per barrel following an explosion on a North Sea oil rig two days ago.

The Nikkei index plunged in early trading but then made up some of its losses toward the end of the morning session following Murayama's comments.

### Energy File

## Kuwait firm strikes oil in new area of Tunisia

TUNIS, April 21, (Reuters): A Kuwaiti company has struck oil in a previously unproductive part of Tunisia, the National Economy Ministry announced today.

A test well sunk in the Kairouan north concession by the Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUPPEC) has been producing about 400 tonnes of good quality crude a day since April 2, the ministry said in a statement.

The onshore well, named Sidi Khilani-1, is in the province of Mahdia near the village of Souassi, about 160 km (100 miles) south of the capital Tunis, said the statement carried by the official news agency TAP.

"Although the preliminary results are considered encouraging, it is however premature to speculate on the size and the commercial viability of this discovery," it added.

Assessment The company needed to do more seismic work and drill other assessment wells and this would be the first in Mahdia province, though a small field has been producing at Sidi Al Ilayem, about 50 km (30 miles) further south, since the early 1970s.

Gas link ■ OSLO, April 21, (Reuters): Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh has suggested his country could deliver natural gas to Europe via the Soviet Union.

"The conditions for long-term and infrastructural co-operation can be created between the two countries, like transferring gas to Russia and also using Russian transit to transfer gas from Iran to Europe," he told Norwegian state television in an interview broadcast on Wednesday.

Oil exports ■ DOHA, April 21, (OPECNA): Qatar's 1988 oil exports to Japan reached \$1.04 billion against 778 million in the previous year, an increase of 33 per cent.

According to a Japanese official here yesterday, Qatari natural gas exports fell slightly last year to \$79.50 million from \$1.60 million in 1987.

Air pollution ■ ROME, April 21, (KUNA): The Italian company Q8, an affiliate of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, KPC, has reciprocated an appeal by Rome municipality to fight air pollution in the Italian capital, it was reported today.

Q8 said it has operated three devices in three of its 1800 fuel stations based in Italy to detect degree of pollution resulted from car exhausts.

### Low-risk Cairo turns to gas

## Egypt widens hunt for crude

CAIRO, April 21, (Reuters): Egypt, burdened by a huge foreign debt and a rapidly growing population, is encouraging oil exploration by offering foreign firms a rare commodity in the tumultuous Middle East — political stability and low risk.

It is also trying to develop its huge gas reserves to ease rising domestic demand for oil and thus free more for export.

Oil exports provide the Arab world's most populous country with its main source of hard currency but Egypt's income was slashed when world oil prices tumbled in mid-1986.

In 1984, Egypt earned \$2.6 billion from oil exports. Two years later, oil income was only \$697 million before picking up in 1987 to \$1.5 billion as prices recovered.

Egypt's population of 54 million is growing fast — a million babies are born here every seven months.

Jobs Providing them with food, housing and jobs is the major concern for President Hosni Mubarak's government as it grapples with a foreign debt estimated at \$43 billion.

Officials say domestic energy demand is rising by 12 to 14 per cent a year and the government would like to build more hydro-electric power stations, but is

strapped for cash. But Egypt does boast relative political stability.

Since coming to office in 1981, Mubarak has helped Egypt back into the mainstream of Arab diplomacy and played the role of peace-broker in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Initially ostracised by most Arab states for the peace treaty it signed with Israel 10 years ago, Egypt is making fresh efforts to attract investments by Gulf Arab and Western firms.

"Foreign companies are spending about \$1.4 billion a year on oil exploration in Egypt," Oil Minister Abdel Hadi Kandak said.

"Thanks to political stability, Egypt will award 20 concessions this year for exploration," he added.

Reserves A Western oil company executive agreed. "Foreign companies are queuing up to get concessions in Egypt," he said.

"We believe there are good chances to find (more) oil in Egypt — that's why we're here."

Some of the new concessions will go to the Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company, the only Arab company hunting for oil in Egypt.

Others exploring the western desert and the Gulf of Suez include British Petroleum, the US oil giant Conoco, Nor Petrol

of Norway and Enterprise Oil Exploration, a consortium of British, French and Japanese firms.

Egypt has proven gas reserves of 10 trillion (10,000 billion) cubic feet, an Oil Ministry official said. In 1988, it produced 5.4 million tonnes of natural gas, an increase of 1.4 million tonnes over 1987.

In 1989, natural gas production is expected to shoot up by 15 per cent, the official said, adding that some factories were switching to gas as an alternative to other energy sources.

In the northern Nile Delta, he said, the Italian Oil Company signed an agreement in February with the government to double gas production to 1.4 billion cubic feet a year.

He said the government invested \$164 million last year in Egypt's largest gas field, Abu Madi in the Nile Delta.

Sixteen wells are already in production in the area, while 22 others were expected to come on stream by 1991.

But the cash is lacking to construct a pipeline network to shift the gas on a large scale to industrial centres.

"This is beyond Egypt's financing capacity at the moment," said a spokesman for the state-owned Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC).

### Oil prices over \$24 a barrel

## OPEC may boost output

ABU DHABI, April 21, (UPI): OPEC states are likely to increase output to benefit from a surge in world oil prices and prevent a price explosion as a result of a shutdown in a major British North Sea oilfield, Gulf based oil industry sources said yesterday.

The sources said the impact of an explosion at an oil platform at Cormorant offshore field and the resulting loss of around 472,000 barrels a day of supplies was still being assessed by nervous traders and some OPEC states.

"The longer the halt in production, the more tempting it becomes for OPEC to step in and compensate for previous losses," one highly-placed Gulf Arab official told United Press International in an interview.

Gulf Arab producers opened their taps in the summer of 1987 over fears prices could reach over \$22 a barrel because of supply disruptions due to Iranian and Iraqi raids against neutral oil tankers in the Gulf waters as part

of the Gulf conflict, which ended with a ceasefire in Aug 1988.

OPEC oil ministers are scheduled to hold their next ordinary meeting in Vienna on June 5 to discuss the possibility of raising the ceiling, but oil industry analysts fear a continued overproduction by some members might pre-empt the move.

Oil ministers from four key OPEC states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE and Qatar — are scheduled to hold policy co-ordination talks in the Saudi capital of Riyadh on April 26 to discuss production and pricing options for the organisation during the second half of the year.

Goods In New York, the spot May crude oil futures contract expired yesterday at a three-year high of \$24.65 a barrel, after posting a record one-day rise of \$2.04.

But the frenzied trading in New York did not portend an imminent shortage of oil. Rather, the advance, which set a contract high of \$25.30 one hour

before the close, was largely based on expectations concerning an unmentionable phrase in futures trading "squeeze."

A squeeze develops when those who have sold a commodity short have trouble producing the goods when the contract expires. To fulfil their contractual obligations, the short sellers must often pay dearly to buy out of their contracts, which was what happened yesterday.

The possibility of a squeeze became quite apparent earlier in the week, though market participants refused to use the word.

"I don't know what a squeeze is," said one trader at the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX). "Let me just say that the number of shorts kept growing as crude prices in recent days, and when we opened this morning there was an unusually large number of outstanding contracts in the expiring delivery. And many of the open contracts were short sales. Unbelievable."

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### Defence budget will go down again

BRUSSELS, April 21, (Reuters): President Bush will announce a \$10 billion cut in the US military budget next week despite a promise to keep the Pentagon in step with inflation, Defence Secretary Dick Cheney said on Wednesday.

Cheney, attending a NATO meeting in Brussels, said Bush had agreed with US congressional leaders to chop \$10 billion from the 1990 defence budget proposed by former President Ronald Reagan before he left office in January.

He told reporters that would be a 0.9 per cent real reduction from current levels although Bush earlier planned to cut only \$6.3 billion from the \$315.2 billion Reagan proposal.

"We (the Defence Department) probably did better this year by the compromise up front" rather than getting into a long battle with Congress later in the year, Cheney said.

fifth real reduction in a row for US military spending, Cheney said it was not as bad as earlier reductions.

He refused to specify where cuts would be made, saying he expected Bush to make the announcement next Tuesday.

Defence officials in Washington told Reuters earlier that Cheney intended to cancel the Marine Corps' new V-22 tilt-rotor troop transport aircraft, delay the Army's LHX light helicopter programme and transfer at least 24 Navy frigates to the reserve force.


The defence secretary said Bush would also announce his spending proposal for the "Star Wars" anti-missile defence programme and for mobilising US land-based strategic nuclear missiles.

"He (Bush) has been presented with a range of options and some of them have been argued rather strenuously. And I will leave it at that," Cheney said.

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## Attack on rising inflation

## West Germany raises interest rates

FRANKFURT, April 21, (Reuters): West Germany's central bank raised two key interest rates yesterday in an attack on rising inflation that took financial markets by surprise.

After an unusually long six-hour meeting of its policy-making council, the Bundesbank announced it was pushing up its discount rate from four to 4.5 per cent from today.

Its Lombard rate, the rate at which it lends money to banks for money market operations, was also increased from six to 6.5 per cent.

Austria and the Netherlands quickly followed suit and Denmark also raised a key rate.

The Austrian National Bank said it would raise its Lombard and discount rates by half a percentage point to 6.5 and

five per cent respectively from today. The Dutch Central Bank said it would raise three leading interest rates by the same amount.

Denmark's central bank said it would raise current account interest rate, by 0.5 percentage points to nine per cent, effective next Monday.

The dollar nose-dived on the news of higher interest rates as money seeking higher investment returns flowed into West Germany. A higher mark tends to make West German goods less competitive abroad and to cut its foreign sales.

Economists linked the Bundesbank's move to inflationary fears made worse by surging oil prices after an explosion at a North Sea platform sharply cut back British oil production.

"Higher oil prices have got the Bundesbank worried," said Commerzbank economist Juergen Pfister. "Inflation looks likely to reach three per cent and that is not good for the Bundesbank."

But a senior Bundesbank official, board member Claus Koehler, said the move was not determined by any single factor.

"The price climate has worsened," he told Reuters.

The Bundesbank, in a brief statement accompanying the central bank's announcement, said: "The move reflected the fact that monetary growth currently remains stronger than can be tolerated from the point of view of monetary stability."

West Germany's money supply is still expanding outside the target for growth set for this year, despite signs of a recent slowdown. High monetary growth often

sets the seeds for future inflation as too much money chases too few goods.

West German consumer prices rose 2.7 per cent in the year to March. Annual inflation was running at just over 1.5 per cent at the end of 1988.

But officials from both the Bundesbank and the federal government have said the rise reflects higher taxes on consumer goods which were introduced at the start of the year.

This was one reason why yesterday's onslaught on inflation took financial markets by surprise, especially as recent comments by senior Bundesbank officials indicated they had brought inflation under control.

Koehler himself had said only nine days ago that the chances were good that inflation was being checked.

## Japan has no plan to raise interest rates: Murayama

TOKYO, April 21, (UPI): Finance Minister Tatsuo Murayama said today Japan has no immediate plan to follow West Germany and other European countries in raising the official interest rates because commodity prices still remain stable.

Murayama told a news conference the government was not worried about the present level of the Japanese yen in relation to the dollar and other currencies.

Murayama was commenting on the West German Central Bank's decision yesterday to raise its key discount and Lombard interest rates by 0.5 points to 4.5 and 6.5 per cent, respectively.

The Netherlands, Denmark and Austria followed suit.

"It is not necessary for Japan to consider raising the official discount rate at present. We are not concerned over the yen's current level," Murayama said.

The yen climbed against the US dollar and other currencies in early trading in Tokyo. It opened 131.35 per dollar, up 0.93 yen over yesterday's close.

## Need

Murayama, however, stressed the need for the government to pay close attention to commodity prices which will affect the government's policy of sustaining economic expansion.

The Bank of Japan reported this week that the nation's wholesale prices, which will be reflected in consumer prices a few months later, rose 0.2 per cent in March, marking the fourth consecutive monthly increase.

A survey by the nationally-circulated daily Asahi Shimbun showed today prices of imported goods, particularly those from newly industrialising economies in Asia, have been on the steady increase in recent months.

The paper said electronic equipment manufacturers in South Korea and Taiwan have informed Japanese importers that they would raise prices of their shipments, including audio-visual products, by 3-5 per cent mainly because of rising domestic prices and the appreciation of their currencies against the yen.

## India hopes for deal with some striking dockers

BOMBAY, India, April 21, (Reuters): The Indian government said today it had high hopes of reaching a pay agreement with at least two of five docks workers' unions whose strike has virtually paralysed the country's 10 main ports.

A Surface Transport Ministry spokesman in New Delhi said talks with the two unions went into the early hours this morning and would resume later in the day.

"We are very optimistic they will reach some conclusion," he told Reuters.

The spokesman said a third union might join the talks. The three represent up to 60 per cent of the 300,000 port workers who went on strike last Monday over pay.

However, rail unions whose workers move the bulk of goods to and from Indian ports, announced support for the dockers and said they would consider strike action.

**Support**  
"We congratulate them and we support them," All-India Railwaymen's Federation general secretary J.P. Chaubey told reporters.

"We are meeting in (the central city of) Hyderabad on April 23 and 24 when we will decide what kind of action to take," he said.

Chaubey, whose union represents 900,000 workers, said the railwaymen had their own problems with the government over a delayed wage settlement and strike action would be discussed at the Hyderabad meeting.

The government moved in Navy contingents backed by soldiers and paramilitary troops to move essential commodities such as oil into the country.

Only in Calcutta, where the Marxist West Bengal state government supports the dockers strike, was there a problem in bringing oil ashore. Only six days supply was in stock there.

The Surface Transport Ministry spokesman also said one major port, New Mangalore in the southern state of Karnataka, had re-opened with about half its 550 workers reporting for duty today.

The Indian government declared the dockers strike illegal and gave port authorities the power to hire outside workers to shift cargo in an effort to undermine the stoppage.

The dockers leader said they would set up pickets outside the port gates and try to prevent new workers entering, setting the scene for possibly violent confrontations.

Industry and trade sources in Bombay, India's commercial hub and biggest port, said they were happy with the government's tough action against the strike.

But they said worries were increasing rapidly that industry would be starved of raw materials and exports damaged in the long-term if the strike did not end soon.

"The situation is serious. India's image as an exporter is at stake," said Ramu Deora, president of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations.

## Argentina in last-ditch bid to control crumbling economy

BUENOS AIRES, April 21, (Reuters): Government measures to control soaring prices and bring order to Argentina's crumbling economy have come too late to restore voter confidence less than a month before presidential elections, economists and politicians said yesterday.

The latest measures, announced yesterday, include tight restrictions on price increases. Limited to one increase per month, important producers must justify any price rise to the domestic trade secretariat.

The chief economist at the independent Latin American Economic Research Foundation (FIEL), Enrique Szewach, said the controls were unlikely to be any more successful than a series of emergency measures introduced since last August.

"The problems cannot be resolved with technical measures. It is a political problem. No measure is credible unless it has the support of the (presidential) candidates," Szewach told Reuters.

## GCC petrochemical officials meet

## Call to expand ties with EEC

BAHRAIN, April 21, (Agencies): Petrochemical firms from Gulf Arab states are being urged to boost links with companies in the European Economic Community (EEC) to help eliminate trade barriers, industry officials said yesterday.

They said a Saudi official, Mamoun Al Kourdi, who is negotiating with the EEC on behalf of the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), told a meeting of GCC petrochemical companies in Bahrain on Wednesday night more co-operation was needed.

"The companies were encouraged to strengthen their contacts with their counterparts in the EEC to create more understanding between the two sides," one petrochemical chief who wished to remain anonymous said.

GCC states have stepped up negotiations with the EEC in recent months in a bid to reduce stiff European tariffs on Gulf petrochemical exports.

The GCC, an economic and political alliance, groups Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Bahrain's Arabic Al Ayam daily yesterday quoted Kourdi as saying the EEC still feared that lifting tariffs on GCC petrochemical products would have negative impacts on its own industries.

**Move**  
But the industry sources said the move would be of mutual benefit to both groups.

"We must inform EEC consumers that they are the ones who will benefit, whether from cheaper petrochemicals or from the materials and equipment we buy from them for our industries," said one.

In 1987 the community — whose exports enter Gulf countries duty-free or at low customs duties — had a trade surplus of \$3.1 billion with the GCC.

Addressing the meeting, Bahraini Minister of Development and Industry Yusuf Ahmed Al Shirawi said a GCC-EEC meeting on the issue would be held this year.

Al Shirawi pointed out that GCC states were seeking to have their petrochemical products exempted from EEC taxes and to strike a trade balance between the two groupings.

The meeting was attended by Abdullah Bishara, secretary-general of the Riyadh-based GCC Secretariat.

An economic report by the secretariat said on Wednesday that the region's petrochemical industries, particularly in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Bahrain, had made big strides in recent years.

It said the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) had been able to operate all its petrochemical plants efficiently and market its industrial products world-wide successfully despite obstacles placed by EEC countries in the form of high import tariffs.

In 1987, SABIC produced 7.27 million tons of products, representing an increase of 11 per cent over 1986.

Qatar, the report said, increased its petrochemical production from 479,400 tons in 1986 to 484,600 tons in 1987, while Bahrain produced 489,000 tons of methanol in 1986.

The study said Kuwait produced 1.71 million tons of chemical fertilisers in 1986, including 862,000 tons of ammonia and 856,600 tons of urea.

## Budget dilemma for Takeshita

## Opposition wants Nakasone to testify

TOKYO, April 21, (Reuters): Time is running out for Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita over Japan's annual budget, stalled in parliament for more than a month by the Recruit scandal.

The opposition refuses to allow the budget's passage until its demands on the scandal are met, leaving Takeshita with the choice of either using the ruling party's parliamentary majority to ram it through or preparing a supplementary budget to tide the country over until the stalemate is broken.

The opposition wants former Premier Yasuhiro Nakasone to testify in parliament about his alleged connections with the scandal, involving massive payments by the Recruit publishing and telecommunications group to politicians and others.

Nakasone refuses, leaving Takeshita with the budget dilemma. But there are dangers in the two paths open to him.

**Risks**  
If he pushes the budget through, political analysts say he risks precipitating a general election which in the present scandal-coloured circumstances could be disastrous for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

If he decides not to force the issue and the stalemate drags on, parliamentary business will remain suspended, public works spending will dwindle and the list of pending political and economic issues will grow.

Takeshita has said he wants the budget to get through the



Noboru Takeshita

Lower house by April 28 so it can pass the upper house by May 28, the last day of the current parliament session.

"Takeshita's diplomatic schedule will be also affected if he fails to push the budget through by April 28," said an official of Komeito, the second largest opposition party after the Japan Socialist Party.

Takeshita plans to leave on April 29 for a tour of Southeast Asia. Government officials say there is no chance of the trip

being delayed or cancelled despite the budget crisis and the scandal.

The Recruit affair, involving payments of at least 500 million yen (\$3.8 million) to politicians and officials, has sent the popularity of Takeshita's government plummeting.

Three cabinet ministers have resigned in connection with the case and 13 people have been arrested. The media is speculating whether other politicians will be arrested.

While the nation waits for the prosecutors to make their next move, the budget stalemate and Takeshita's options to solve it dominate the news.

"Unilateral passage of the budget by the LDP could lead to dissolution of parliament," said Tetsuro Murobushi, a political analyst.

## Traditions

Even though the LDP has a majority in both houses of parliament, the traditions of Japanese-style democracy dictate that a degree of consensus must be achieved with at least some opposition members before a budget can be passed.

If the LDP ignores this tradition, it would be the first time the ruling party had forced a budget through alone. It would mean a further loss of face for the already embattled party.

"In Japan's politics, past cases play a very important role and it would be difficult even for the LDP to do things against them," a Socialist Party official said.

## New currency aims to improve cultural literacy

BONN, West Germany, April 21, (AP): New banknotes to be issued next year aim to teach West German spenders something about their cultural legacy. But by omitting the most famous of German figures, the bills may offer more a game of trivia pursuit than a lesson in history.

As with many endeavours by Germans to embrace their complicated past, there is more to be learned from who's left out of the colourful new money issue than in the figures chosen to be honoured.

The eight new banknotes to be printed and issued beginning in the fall of 1990 will feature artists and scientists who have made important contributions to society, from the Nobel laureate who developed a cure for syphilis to the wife of composer Robert Schumann.

But absent are the cultural greats like Ludwig van Beethoven, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Heinrich Heine.

There is not a political personality in the wad — no Kaisers, no Konrad Adenauer, and certainly no Karl Marx.

And while officials of the Bundesbank in Frankfurt say they were careful to choose a good balance among men and women, creed and calling, the faces to appear on the next money issue were untainted by controversy and long dead before the Nazi period.

## Sharp increase in GCC cement output

RIYADH, April 21, (OPECNA): Member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), excluding Kuwait, made remarkable progress in cement production in 1987, says a report.

Total GCC production increased from 15.16 million tons in 1986 to 16.40 million tons in 1987, the report by the Riyadh-based GCC secretariat issued this week said.

Saudi Arabia alone accounted for 62.8 per cent of all GCC cement production, while the United Arab Emirates produced 24.1 per cent, followed by Qatar (5.4 per cent) and Oman (5.1 per cent). Bahrain has no cement plants.

Saudi Arabian cement production increased from 9.20 million tons in 1986 to 10.20 million in 1987, while that of the UAE increased from 3.70 million to 3.90 million tons during the same period.

The report added that Omani production also increased from 816,000 tons in 1986 to 839,800 tons a year later, while Qatari production increased 308,100 tons to 417,000 tons over the period.

Only Kuwaiti production dropped from more than one million tons in 1986 to 887,600 tons in 1987.

## Taiwan cuts import tariff on 378 items

TAIPEI, Taiwan, April 21, (AP): The cabinet approved import tariff cuts yesterday on 378 items, trying to ease concerns over inflation and to open Taiwan's market to more foreign products, the government information office said.

The reductions, becoming effective on May 1, covered electronic home appliances, consumer products, construction and industrial materials, the agency said in a news release.

The package also included 86 of the 267 items requested by the United States, it said.

The statement said the government will lose about 2.66 billion Taiwan dollars (\$98.51 million) in annual tax revenue as a result of the cuts.

Among the cuts approved, tariffs for dryers will be reduced from 15 per cent to 10 per cent, those for microwave ovens from 15 per cent to 12.5 per cent, and those for aluminium bars from 17.5 per cent to 12.5 per cent.

## Currency devalued for third time in April

LIMA, Peru, April 21, (AP): The Central Bank devalued Peru's currency 4.2 per cent yesterday, the third devaluation this month and sixth this year of the inflation-ravaged unit.

The official rate unit, used to pay exporters and to import basic foods and medicines, was devalued from 1,570 to the US dollar to 1,640, according to a communiqué.

The Central Bank described the devaluation as a small modification to ensure the smooth functioning of the exchange-rate system.

The devaluations this year, which have reduced the value of local currency a total of 70 per cent, have been aimed at boosting exports and reducing the amount the government spends to subsidize imports.

## Foreign copyright piracy \$1.3b a year

WASHINGTON, April 21, (AP): A coalition of recording, film, book and computer groups said Wednesday it is adding China, Saudi Arabia and India to the ranks of "problem" nations contributing to an estimated \$1.3 billion in piracy of US copyrighted works each year.

The three countries are among 12 nations that have either failed to provide "adequate and effective" protection for US copyrighted works or have limited market access for such works with unfair trade barriers, the International Intellectual Property alliance said.

The alliance contended that the total of piracy and market access loss is costing the US industry about \$1.4 billion annually. The group said it was imperative that US President George Bush's administration continue efforts begun in 1984 when Congress amended trade laws to allow sanctions against piracy and trade barriers.



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## EVENTS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1989

## Ballet school celebrates 15th anniversary

FIRE and Ice and Snow Goose, two ballets presented in 1978 and 1987, will be performed by the students of the School of Contemporary Dance to celebrate its 15th anniversary.

The six-night performance opens tonight at the Mousetrap Theatre.

When the company was formed, ballet was an unknown commodity in this part of the world. It was associated with "pretty girls and frilly frocks".

"Over the years we tried to get rid of the pretty girls in frilly frocks ballet syndrome," explains Mrs. Andi Hicks, the director of the company and a founder member of the dance school.

Hicks, who is a trained ballerina herself, had to take cautious but sure steps to dispel

misconceptions about ballet. Over the years ballet and modern dance have been accepted. Hicks says she has been able to build a team spirit among the girls who have been with her since the company was formed.

"It has been a worthwhile effort; perhaps, creative," said Hicks.

Today, the school is as professional as it can be and has staged some of the best productions presented by the amateur theatrical groups.

Two of the company's most successful performances were Snow Goose (1978 and 1983) and Fire and Ice (1987). The company has selected them for their 15th anniversary celebration, which starts tonight at the Mousetrap Theatre.

Snow Goose, a dance drama based on a story by Paul Gallico, portrays a tender bond forged between a cripple, a young fisher girl and a sky princess — the Snow Goose. When the bond is shattered, it becomes a memory of love and beauty. The musical score was conceived by Spike Milligan.

Fire and Ice, elemental opposites and eternally incompatible are irresistibly drawn towards each other by a fatal fascination, which leads to anger, hatred and destruction. The dancers portray the essence of flame and crystal.

In addition to Fire and Ice and Snow Goose, the company has performed Christmas Symposium (1974); The Four Seasons: Les Patineurs (1975); The Enigma Variations (1976);

A Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra (1977); Symposium (1979); Fanfare (1980); Gala 81; The Toymakers Dream (1982); To Russia with Love (1985); Variations, Cats (1986); Hunting of the Snark (1987) and Never Ending Story (1988).

The 1988-89 company comprises: prima donna Anna Majewska; principals — Paula Al Chami, Nadia Dabbagh, Marina Donaghy; Rawan Hussein; Lama Al Mouse, Dina Al Saleh and Maha Sarraf; soloists — Dalia Alami, Olga Al Busairi, Yasmin Katrib, Rasha Al Azem, Nichole Davies and Schiraphi Yogara.

Ania Majewska joined the company at the age of six and is now dancing in both the ballets,

which have been directed by Andi Hicks. In addition to dancing, some of the nicest features of the company's productions have been the lighting effects, sets and costumes. This year Keith Forshe is lighting director; Sue Forshe is wardrobe mistress and Sally Lyons is stage manager.

To mark the 15th anniversary, the school will give a scholarship to the most promising dancer in the company, Hicks said. She said Tareq and Jehan Rajah, patrons of the company, will also give a cash scholarship.

A photo exhibition at the Mousetrap Theatre will give a pictorial view of the company since 1974.

(For reservations see What's On).

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Africa: Textiles and Crafts**  
AFRICA: Textiles and Crafts, an exhibition from Nigeria, is at the Sultan Gallery, 8 pm to 11 pm, until May 2, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soud St.

**UNTIL April 25:** A collection of paintings by Bulgarian contemporary artist Guentcho Dentechev is on show at the Ghadir Gallery, Sahiya Complex; open from 9 am to 12.00 pm and 7-10 pm.

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Qur'anic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

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## THEATRE

**Reflections**  
April 22-27 (8.30 pm): The School of Contemporary Dance will present a repertoire of ballet entitled "Reflections" at the Mousetrap Theatre to celebrate their 15th anniversary. Tickets - KD. 4. Box office open from 4-6.30 pm, Sat-Wed; ticket order: answer phone - 5382099, 2-6 pm.

**One-Act play**  
MAY 4-7: IAC is organising a one-act play competition at the IAC auditorium daily at 6.00 pm sharp from May 4 to 7. 12 plays will be staged in seven languages. For further details and entry passes contact Tel. Nos. 3904817, 3910165, 3903879, 2644863, 5622599.

**Hindi play**  
MAY 4/5: 8 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society. Natya Bharati presents Hindi play entitled "Bin Baati ke Deep"; followed by dinner catered by Caesars. For entry and dinner passes contact Tel: 4880965; 5623810; 3725627.

## MUSIC

**Piano Recital**  
MAY 9: Well-known pianist Klaus Zoli will give a recital at the Sheraton Hotel's Riccardo Restaurant at 5 pm, followed by a cocktail reception. For reservations call the hotel, ext. 104/107/109.

## SOCIAL

**Filipino Cultural Club**  
APRIL 24: 8 pm. The club will hold a meeting at Beider Room, Meridian Hotel, to organise the cultural show for the Independence Day of the Philippines. All advisors and officers are requested to attend.



● The 1989 spring and summer collection of Swatch, a colourful and fashionable wrist-watch and accessories, was recently launched. The new Swatch models include Paris-Alger, Street smart, Buenos Aires, Love Field, Hardware and heavy metal.

## British Council

APRIL 22-23: "To the Lighthouse," the feature film will be shown on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23 at the British Council Library.

**Discovery of India**  
APRIL 27 and 28: Discovery of India, an audio visual show of traditional Indian folk music representing the various states of India to commemorate the Nehru Centenary at Indian Arts Circle, Punaitees, at 8 pm. For passes contact Tel: 3925172, 5640384, 3722917, 4881359, or contact Casablanca Video, Fahadhi and Med Wears, near U.T.C. Fahadhi.

**Casualty Cricket Club**  
MAY 18: 8 pm. Messilah Beach Hotel: Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements - 5332248; or Val Tudball - 5327159.

**Kuwait Caledonians**  
MAY 18: Messilah Beach Hotel. The Caledonians will hold a "celebith" (gathering) with entertainment by John Carmichael and others. Tel: 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

**Arabian Nights**  
MAY 19: "Arabian Nights" evening at the Jawhara Night-club, Messilah Beach Hotel. Dress: Middle Eastern of past or present. 20 costume prizes. Tickets KD6. For reservations call: 4847461, 2418017, or on 2614201.

## HOTELS

**At the SAS**  
BISTRETTO: Italian restaurant offers diverse Italian dishes as well as international and local specialities. Open from 11.30 am to 2 am.

**Peacock Room:** A gathering place for people with discerning taste. Come and relish the wide variety of genuine Chinese cuisine. Opens from 11.30 am to 12.00 midnight.

**Al Boom:** A different speciality offer at Al Boom every two days in addition to traditional menu of charcoal grills. Open from 11.30 am to midnight.

**At Ramada Al Salam**  
El Bender: offers special buffet and subour buffet; Al Gandoul Grill Garden, open in the evenings offers a selection of grills in the ambience of a waterfall.

**Al Mawardi Garden:** After 11.30 am, relax in the open-air with a cup of tea or coffee and watch a selection of movies on the big screen.

**At the International LA PALMA:** Iftar buffet from a different country each week; begins in Egypt and goes on to Saudi Arabia, the Emirates and Kuwait. It will be open from 6 pm to 3 am for subour.

**At the Plaza NOURA:** Terrace: open from 7 pm to 12 midnight, featuring Lebanese mezzeh and other treats.

**Al Dallah Coffee Shop:** offers a carte or dinner buffet featuring Arabic, Continental or Asian food. Speciality: plat du jour.

## TV CORNER

## This week on KTV 2

## SUNDAY

8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 Islamic Horizons  
8.20 Cartoons  
8.30 Scientific Eye: "Getting Things Clean."

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9.40 Forty Hadith Qudsi  
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8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 Islamic Horizons  
8.20 Cartoons  
8.30 Danger Bay: "Covert Operation." Jonah and a researcher launch efforts to fight for an implant detonator.

9.00 News in English  
9.40 Forty Hadith Qudsi  
9.45 Sony Spoom: "Sam's Private Eye." A private detective is murdered; Sonny vows to find the killer.

10.30 Bill Cosby Show: Little Rudy invites her friends to a party in the Huxtable home. Starring: Bill Cosby, Phylicia Rashad.

11.00 Just for the Record: Moment of achievement are captured on film, just for the record.

12.10 Wednesday Feature Film: "Too Young the Hero." Based on a real incident, it tells the story of a young man who produces a fake birth

Beryl Markham: A Shadow on the Sun is Sunday's best-seller, 11.30 pm.

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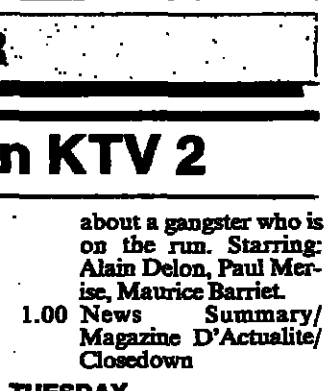
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9.45 The Beauty and the Beast: Vincent wants to save another man from trouble.

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## KTV 1

11.00 Holy Quran  
11.30 Al Madrasah al Mohammadia: religious serial

12.15 Cartoon  
12.30 Cultural film  
1.30 Cartoon serial

2.00 Al Nabi Ha Hina: historical serial, starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Madiha Kamel, Amina Rizk.

3.15 Ishra'at Al Imaan: religious programme  
3.30 Hatab wa Naar: Arabic serial

4.30 Musabaqat Al Ramadan  
5.00 Ashwaqi Bila Hudood: Arabic serial, starring Hamdi Ghaith, Nasreen, Shawkar, Tahya Karioka; directed by Fuad Abdul Jalil.

5.50 Hadith Deeni  
6.00 Quran Al Kareem  
6.30 Safinah Al Asdiqah: cartoon serial

7.00 B'ad Al Iftar: Hadith Deeni  
7.15 Al Tam'een: serial

for children, starring Khalid Al Obaid, Ali Mufeedi, Muna Essaa.

8.00 Nur al Islam: tonight's episode is about charitable institutions around the world.

8.35 Security and Citizens  
9.30 Musabaqat Ramadan

10.00 News in Arabic  
10.50 A'ad Wa Lakin: last episode of Arabic serial, starring Ghannem Al Saleh, Hayat Al Fahad, Maryam Ghabban, Dawood Hussein.

11.45 Asakim An Awada, presented by Rasha Majidi.

12.00 Al Talatiya (Najib Mahfouz): daily serial, featuring Mahmoud Mursi, Ma'ali Zayed.

12.50 Variety Show: with Iraqi folklore songs;

**Football**  
Amir's Cup Football Tournament, from 9 pm, on UHF 47 and VHF 6 channels. Tonight's match is between Al Qadisiya and Al Yarmouk clubs.

**FM Services**  
0600 Opening/Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0940 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1200 Arabic Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News on FM Service  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Spanish hour  
1700 Arabic Songs and Music  
1800 Pops  
2130 News  
2145 Pops  
2200 Indian Classical Hour  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Listening  
0200 Close-down

**Urdu**  
1900 Opening Holy Quran  
1910 Baitereh Qaul  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press report  
1940 Islam aur Daul-e-Hazir  
2000 News in Urdu  
2020 Songs  
2040 Hamare Mehman  
2100 Close-down

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Personal View

1000 News Summary followed by  
15 Letter from America  
30 People and Politics  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Life Along the Line (ex 29th Poetry of the Century)

30 Meridian  
45 Book Choice  
50 New Ideas  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Network UK  
30 People and Politics  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 The Vintage Chart Show

0400 Newsday  
30 Here's Humphil (ex 8th Grand National Preview)  
45 Personal View  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Financial News  
45 Words of Faith  
45 The World Today

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30 From the Weeklies  
45 Network UK

0800 World News  
09 Words of Faith  
15 A Jolly Good Show

**NIGHT CHEMIST**  
Kuwait  
Ahlam Pharmacy  
Souk Muteheda, Fahad Al Salem St.  
Al Munassar Pharmacy  
Ahmed Al Jaber St.  
Hawath and Nagra  
Al Qattan Pharmacy  
Yarmouk Complex, Othman St.

Salmiya and Rumalithiya  
Al Maidan Pharmacy  
Mishari Al Khalid Bldg., Baghdad St.  
Jeeb Al Shiyookh  
Al Razi Pharmacy  
Qitab 17, Block 14  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Mafafi St.

Fahadhi and Ahmadi  
Al Wafa Pharmacy  
Dabbous St., F'heel

**CINEMA TODAY**  
Al Andalus  
Deadly Pursuit  
Starring: Sydney Poiter, Christy Ila  
Al Salmiya  
Hanna and Her Sisters  
Starring: Rudy Allan, Michel Kane  
Al Hamra  
Nico  
Starring: Steve Segal, Gill Whitlow  
Drive-In  
Al Shaitan Yaghna (Arabic)  
Starring: Mahmood Yaseen, Boal  
Al Firdous  
Sahab (Hindi)  
Starring: Anil Kapoor, Amrita Singh  
Fahadhi Open-Air  
Tera Karam Mera Dharam (Hindi)  
Al Fahadhi  
Rahasyam  
Rahasyam (Malayalam)  
Al Jahra  
Snake in the Eagles Shadow

Granada  
Great Monkey Rip-off



## MUSIC

Once-wild men of rock bury the hatchet

## Rolling again for satisfaction

By George Gordon

ON the fringe of a volcanic mountain where the rich green foliage clogs the meandering footways, five middle-aged men are trying to recreate the magic of their youth.

Their self-imposed deadline is a mere five weeks away and around the world an entire industry is awaiting a £80 million golden jackpot from their efforts. It is an extraordinary exercise but the five are all members of the Rolling Stones and even the most cynical analysts admit that with them anything is possible.

On Happy Mountain the hatchet has been buried in the long-standing feud between Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, two Stones who haven't trolled in harmony for nearly three years.

Wives and children have been flown in. Mick Jagger's Jerry Hall spends the long hot days playing with their two children in the warm waters of the Caribbean. Patti Hansen, the model wife of Richards, takes their two children to the pool in the local hotel. Ron Wood and his wife Jo Howard and their children have taken a mountainside villa.

There are barbecues, Sunday brunches and a strange air of suburban socialising among the once-wild men of rock as they painstakingly put together the album they hope will eclipse Michael Jackson's Thriller as the biggest selling record of all time.

When the album is complete they will be in the countdown to a world tour and it is the combination of the two that is vital for a blockbuster success. Getting the personal chemistry right is as essential as getting the music right.

Bill Wyman, the 52-year-old bass player, said: "We have all gone our separate ways and tried solo albums with varying degrees of success. We have come to realise that we have to work together to recreate that magical, mystical something that is the hallmark of the Stones."

They last tried three years ago with an album called Dirty Work. It sold, but not in the sort of mind-bending numbers that electrify the voracious record business.

There was no follow-up tour and the Stones rolled apart again, sparking further rumours of antagonism between Jagger and Richards and predictions that the group would never recapture the mysterious 'It' that makes musical millions.

Jagger, Richards, Wyman, Wood and Watts hunger for one more stunning success.



The Rolling Stones: Bill Wyman, Keith Richards, Ron Wood, (top) Charlie Watts and Mick Jagger are working together again on a new album. Left: The Stones in their early days.

Wyman, who can look back to the days of struggling for success in obscure London pubs, said: "It really wasn't that bad. We are like family. We have disagreements. We drift and, like family members, we come back together from time to time. We talk about our kids, their schools, old friends. It is a bond that is as strong as any blood tie. Mick and Keith are creative, dominant personalities and there is the clash of two enormous egos. But out of it comes the music."

To get it right the Stones have hired the Air studio here, owned by George Martin, the legendary producer for the Beatles. Elton John, Stevie Wonder, Sting and Paul McCartney have walked the steep winding path to the white-painted building and emerged with music that is loved by millions.

For the past four months Jagger and Richards have met in Barbados to hammer out 25 different numbers that will eventually come down to 15 for the album. They record them all and then vote. The decision is nearly always unanimous and instinctive.

Jagger, Richards, Wyman, Wood and Charlie Watts — millionaires many times over — each hunger for one more stunning success that will create another generation of Stones worshippers. The dream is for just one smash hit single tune that will add another dimension to the Stones musical library of success.

For Jagger the hunger is acute. The success of Satisfaction has never been surpassed by him and that is more than 20 years old. The five-week deadline is in part an attempt to recreate the frenetic atmosphere of their youth. When the strain of producing a hit was spurred by the mundane need to pay the rent.

The Stones, once the most rebellious and unpredictable of rock 'n' roll bands, work regular hours and follow routines that were once the antithesis of all they represented. They leave their secluded villas on this speck of a Caribbean island and report for work at 2 p.m. Some 12 hours later they break and drive home.

Alan Dunn, the Stones' road manager, is one of the few non-performers allowed inside the heavily guarded Air studio building. He controls the rehearsals and will put together the enormously complex

arrangements for the tour when an army of nearly 200 will drive and fly around the world.

In the music industry, putting together an album in five weeks is regarded as a staggering target. Nine months or a year is normal. The bearded Dunn revealed: "We are still setting up. In serious terms the clock hasn't started running yet."

The tranquility and remoteness of Montserrat are large parts of its appeal to the superstars of music. The easy going natives are long used to the eccentric habits of their visitors.

Taxi driver John Ryner turned up at the tiny airstrip to pick up Paul McCartney. The former Beatle took over his battered station wagon and kept it for 10 weeks. He then paid Mr Ryner the price of a brand new car.

The studio lights burned until almost 3 a.m. Bats, fireflies and huge moths swirled through the floodlight beams and in the sound-proof chamber Jagger and his Stones wound up another hard night's work.

The search for a greater Satisfaction is now underway and millions are awaiting the outcome.

Eternal Flame burns in UK

## Madonna hits No. 1 on US charts

NEW YORK, (AP): Madonna took over the top of the pop singles record charts in the United States with her latest hit Like A Prayer. The disc hopped up from third place a week ago.

She Drives Me Crazy by the Fine Young Cannibals slipped from number one to second spot on the Cash Box magazine chart. Bon Jovi's I'll Be There For You soared from seventh to third.

Last week's number two hit, The Look by Roxette, dipped to fourth.

Soaring fast up the top 10 list was Funky Cold Medina by Tone-Loc, up from 12th to 5th. The week's only other newcomer to the list was Second Chance by 38 Special up from 15th to 10th.

Tell It Like It Is took Billy Joe Royal to the number one spot on the Cash Box magazine country-and-western singles chart. Shenandoah's The Church on Cumberland Road was second, and Don't Toss Us Away by Patty Loveless was third.

**Top Ten US**  
The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) Like A Prayer — Madonna (Sire-Warner Brothers).
2. (1) She Drives Me Crazy — Fine Young Cannibals (Iris).
3. (7) I'll Be There For You — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).
4. (2) The Look — Roxette (EMI).
5. (12) Funky Cold Medina — Tone-Loc (Delicious Vinyl).
6. (4) Girl You Know It's True — Milli Vanilli (Arista).
7. (10) Heaven Help Me — Deon Estus and George Michael (Mica-Polydor).
8. (8) Superwoman — Karyn White (Warner Brothers).
9. (5) Eternal Flame — The Bangles (Columbia).
10. (5) Second Chance —

38 Special (A and M).  
The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) Tell It Like It Is — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).
2. (1) The Church on Cumberland Road — Shenandoah (Columbia).
3. (6) Don't Toss Us Away — Patty Loveless (MCA).
4. (7) Hey Bobby — K.T. Oslin (RCA).
5. (2) There's A Tear In My Beer — Hank Williams Jr. (duet with Hank Williams Sr.) (Warner Brothers-Curb).
6. (4) I'm No Stranger To The Rain — Keith Whitley (RCA).
7. (11) Young Love — The Judds (Curb-RCA).
8. (5) Down That Road Tonight — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).
9. (12) Setting Me Up — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).
10. (8) Baby's Gotten Good At Goodbye — George Strait (MCA).

In London Eternal Flame by the Bangles burned brightly atop the British pop singles record chart again this week, leaving Simply Red's If You

Don't Know Me By Now to repeat in second spot.  
Americano by Holly Johnson broke into the chart at number three after ranking 13th in the previous week. Lullaby, by Curc, was number five in its first week on the list.

## Top Ten UK

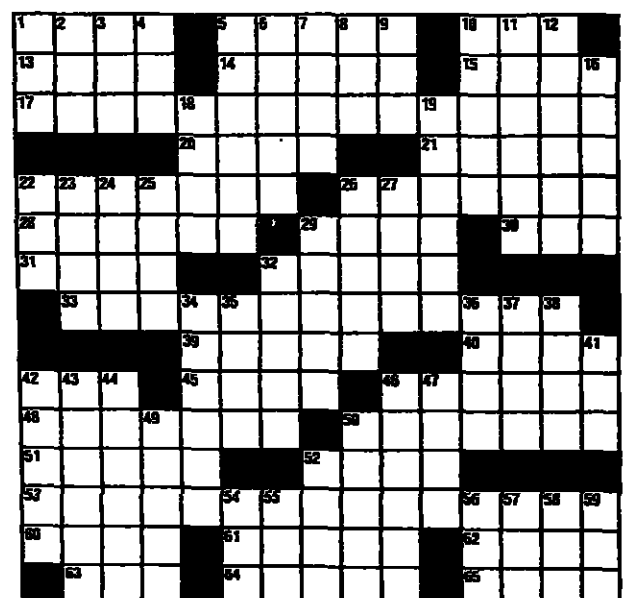
This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placements in parentheses:

1. (1) Eternal Flame — Bangles (CBS).
2. (2) If You Don't Know Me By Now — Simply Red (Elektra).
3. (13) Americanos — Holly Johnson (MCA).
4. (8) Baby I Don't Care — Transvision Vamp (MCA).
5. (-) Lullaby — Curc (Fiction).
6. (4) Beg Your Pardon — Kon Kan (Atlantic).
7. (3) Straight Up — Paula Abdul (Siren).
8. (6) Keep On Movin' — Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler (10 Records).
9. (5) Like A Prayer — Madonna (Sire).
10. (7) When Love Comes To Town — U2 with B.B. King (Vertigo).



Paula Abdul making steady progress

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 "Brute!"
  - 5 Bar seat
  - 10 Pilot's aid: Abbr.
  - 13 Bad news from the scale
  - 14 Middle East native
  - 15 U.S. money
  - 17 Split in earth's crust
  - 20 Arthur and Lillie
  - 21 Terrier type
  - 22 Emerald Isle
  - 26 Location of 33
  - 28 Promising people
  - 29 Fish from Dover
  - 30 Flight formation: Abbr.
  - 31 Graeceland, to Elvis
  - 32 Lie
  - 33 Deep in the earth's crust
  - 39 Approaches
  - 40 Space
  - 42 U.S. flyers once
  - 45 Tool used to bend wire
  - 48 Depressed areas of earth's crust
  - 50 Tools for preparing potatoes
  - 51 Frostier
  - 52 "Que —"
  - 53 Doris Day song
  - 55 Split in earth's crust
  - 60 Explosive initials
  - 61 Pee Wee of baseball
  - 62 Ivan or Peter
  - 63 NYC time
  - 64 Harnesses together
- DOWN**
- 1 Humpty Dumpty
  - 2 Sailor
  - 3 Make a bow
  - 4 Actress Merkel
  - 5 Enticers
  - 6 Trinity
  - 7 Clumsy ones
  - 8 Part of HOMES
  - 9 Actress Ullmann
  - 10 Part of AES
  - 11 A toast
  - 12 Ministry member
  - 16 Make agree, for short
  - 18 Ski lift
  - 19 Convent
  - 22 Berliner's "I"
  - 23 Chamber
  - 24 Lady Hamilton
  - 25 This look brings hisses
  - 26 Versifiers
  - 27 Winged
  - 29 Gawky
  - 32 Photos
  - 34 Hospital worker
  - 35 Long, long time
  - 36 This could use polish
  - 37 Algonquian Indian
  - 38 Frau's spouse
  - 41 Balaam's transport
  - 42 Pasture livestock for a fee
  - 43 Secret
  - 44 Swears
  - 46 Son of Andromeda
  - 47 Book page
  - 49 Beauty's friend
  - 50 Nursery rhyme porridge
  - 52 Look for
  - 54 Sore
  - 55 Classic car
  - 56 Consumed
  - 57 NATO member
  - 58 — Vegas
  - 59 Attempt

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

APSE STORK APE  
DEAN AERIE GRAM  
DRAGONLADY OISE  
STRIVE DESERVES  
NASH MALES  
BADE TIC ABEL  
ERRED NORIA EGO  
YEAR OF THE DRAGON  
SAG LOSER KNEEL  
OSLO NUB ADAY  
MANTA NARC  
ANTERIOR ROOTER  
INRE DRAGONNADE  
NOEL ELTON DRIP  
YES SEATS ANTS

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

**Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠ 83 ♥ AKJ105 ♦ 8 ♣ AKJ52  
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?  
A.—Although in terms of point count you are a bit heavy for a simple overcall, two-suited hands aren't handled well by a takeout double. For instance, suppose West then boosts the auction to four spades, passed back to you. Now you would have to guess at an uncomfortable high level. It's wiser to get in one suit by overcalling two hearts.

**Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠ Q76 ♥ A9873 ♦ 8 ♣ K62  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?  
A.—Since partner's jump rebid shows a hand worth some 18 points, a raise to four clubs, which might be passed, is a distinct underbid. Jump to five clubs to confirm that you have excellent trump support and a distributional hand. (If you play splinter bids, a jump to four diamonds to show a singleton there would be perfect.)

**Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠ A2 ♥ K932 ♦ AKJ6 ♣ KQ6  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
?  
What do you bid now?  
A.—There is a textbook bid available—a jump to two no trump. That shows a balanced hand of 19-20 points and no significant support for partner's suit.

**Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠ K932 ♥ A2 ♦ AKJ6 ♣ KQ8  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
?

What do you bid now?  
A.—A jump raise to three spades in this sequence is invitational, not forcing. Since you want to be in game even if partner has a dead minimum 6 points, there is a simple way to show your powerful hand in support—jump to four spades!

**Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you**

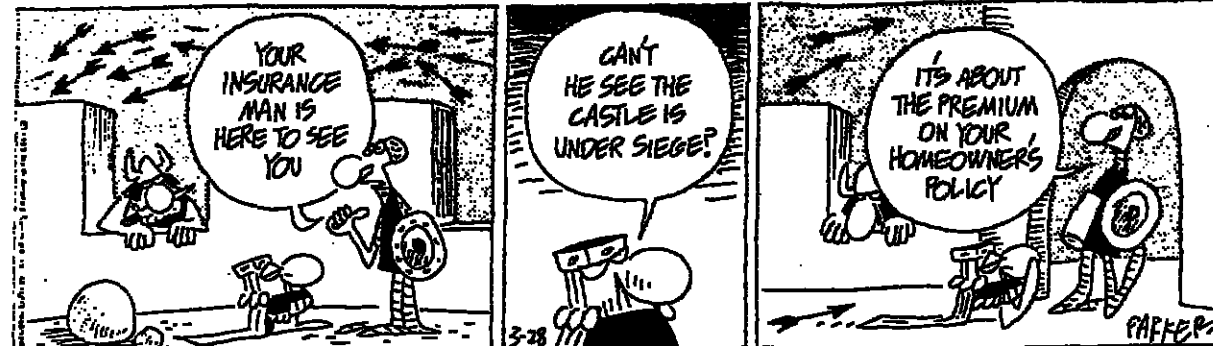
**hold:**  
♠ AJ ♥ 954 ♦ 762 ♣ KQ763  
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?  
A.—With only 10 points and no fit, you do not have quite enough to respond at the two-level. Therefore, the only bid you can make is one no trump.

**Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠ AJ ♥ 954 ♦ 762 ♣ KQ763  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♣ Pass 1 NT Pass  
2 ♣ Pass ?  
What action do you take?  
A.—In this sequence partner must have at least a six-card spade suit, especially since you can tell that his suit can't be top quality. Therefore, you have excellent support and, because you have a maximum for your first response, you should now raise to three spades.



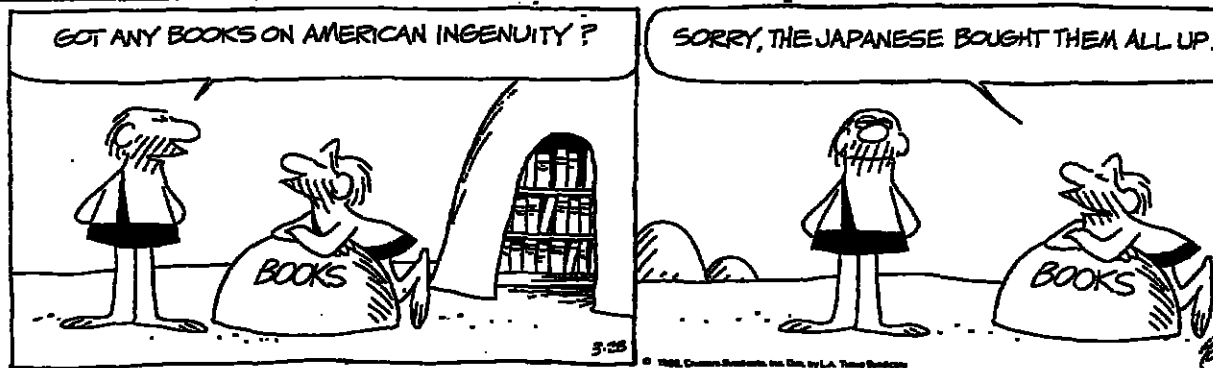
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

You will have time to do something you have not been able to do of late. Do not eat or drink more than you need to maintain your weight unless you really are too thin. Do not keep others waiting. Be resolute.



**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

Some time spent tidying up will be far from a waste of time. There will be some stress in the situation but you will be able to cope with it. Make sure you keep expenditure within reasonable limits. Be prompt.



**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

Make sure you do not leave any bills unpaid. And do not rely on winning some money to get you out of trouble. Make sure you get enough rest, no late nights just now. Be reasonable.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

You will be reminded of a promise you have made and then forgotten about. You will have to be even more on the lookout for careless drivers. This is not your lucky day so avoid things in which luck plays a large part. Be moderate.



**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**

Ensure you are suitably dressed for the occasion and the climate. You will be able to make better progress than you had thought possible. Make sure you stay on good terms with your family. Be more patient.



**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**

You will feel more sure of yourself but must still avoid needless risks. You will have plenty of energy but should try to conserve at least some of it. Your lucky numbers are 47 and 23. Avoid anything that would damage your health.



**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**

You will have cause to be pleased with yourself, but do not rest on your laurels. Do not complain quite so much about your aches and pains. However, do not ignore an unusual pain that will not go away. Be trustworthy.



**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

You should not allow yourself to be persuaded to do something you know you might come to regret. Do not leave until later something you know should be done now.



**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**

Avoid leaving a small problem until it grows into a major impediment. Make sure you do not leave any letters unanswered. You would be wrong to allow a hobby to take up all your leisure time. Be magnanimous.



**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**

You will get some advice which is better than it seems at first. Avoid eating too much of a new food until you know it does not upset your digestion. Do not believe all you hear and do not contribute to gossip. Be less insistent.



**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**

Something you have been postponing should not be delayed any longer. Make sure you understand what you have read, if not read it again. Make a few concessions for the sake of peace and quiet, but do not abandon your principles.



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SCREEN

Moonlighting to the big screen

# Shepherd risks it all in Chances Are

By Ivor Davis

FOR AN actress who supposedly protests her privacy with a passion, the public has been given plenty to chew on when it comes to the life and times of Cybill Shepherd.

The tiniest tidbit about her turbulent career and astonishing off-screen antics has been devoured with the kind of frenzy usually reserved for the likes of Elizabeth Taylor and Priscilla Presley.

At times Shepherd's dalliances in Hollywood have proved more exciting than her adventures as Maddy Hayes in ABC's ailing four-year-old series *Moonlighting*. Consider her off-the-wall marriages and romances, high-profile pregnancy resulting in the birth of twins, rumors of marital rifts, divorce. Now it is time for the emergence of a new Shepherd — the single working mother who is starring in a new feature film.

For a good cause — namely blowing the trumpet about her new big-screen fantasy/romance/comedy *Chances Are*, co-starring Robert Downey Jr., Ryan O'Neal and Mary Stuart Masterson — Shepherd has been making herself available to the press.

It is her first feature film in six years, although she has done such TV movies as *Seduced* (1985) and the miniseries *The Long Hot Summer* (1985) opposite Don Johnson. But with *Chances Are* she is hoping to emulate her *Moonlighting* co-star Bruce Willis' phenomenal screen success in *Die Hard* (1988), a film that brought him \$6 million and made more than \$150 million.

Willis promoted his film heavily, chatting casually with the press in a relaxed no-holds-barred manner. Before Shepherd utters a word, however, the ground rules are handed down not once but twice to questioning reporters. Please, no questions about marriage or divorce.

Divorce, of course, is imminent after months of rumors. Bruce Oppenheim, the father of Shepherd's much-photographed 16-month-old twins — Molly Ariel and Cyrus

Zachariah Shepherd-Oppenheim — has moved out of the couple's ranch home in the suburbs of Los Angeles. Shepherd has filed for divorce on those catchall California grounds irreconcilable differences.

The tabloids speculate wildly about tug of war custody battles over the twins and a published story reported that Shepherd has been having an affair with a TV director. Both accusations are termed garbage by Shepherd's publicist Cheryl Kagen.

In *Chances Are* Shepherd plays the widowed mother of a 22-year-old daughter. Her husband was killed shortly after their marriage more than two decades ago and suddenly the folks running heaven agree to send him back to Earth in the body of a 21-year-old actor (Downey). They rather carelessly fail to erase his memory and when he bumps into Shepherd it is like old times. Only this time he falls for both mother and daughter. It is obviously a comedy, but Shepherd has to play it straight.

"The movie is important to my career," says Shepherd. "I was risky but exciting creatively. I play Corinne Jeffries at 21 and again in her early 40s. She is a woman who experiences the devastation of losing her husband and is a mom with a grown-up daughter. All those things — except being 21, which I have no interest in being again — were new to me. I don't think it would have worked without my character playing it straight. I want people to see the film, laugh and come out with a great feeling."

On the *Moonlighting* front things don't look good. In February ABC-TV yanked the series from its regular spot because of low ratings. Everyone connected with the show, however, insists that it will be on again in April because they are still shooting episodes and production has not stopped.

Still, the ex-model-turned-actress concedes that viewers were turned off by her long pregnancy-related absences and the far-fetched story lines that attempted to plug the

gaps caused by her time away.

Says Shepherd: "If *'Moonlighting'* was her ride to the top. She and Willis are now earning an estimated \$200,000 per episode in what industry insiders say is one of the costliest shows in TV history.

"I know it is a fabulous job and has given me the break of my lifetime," she says. "But it has gotten so hard, particularly being the mother of three small children (Shepherd also has a 9-year-old daughter Clementine from a previous marriage). I have the twins at work with me, but it is still hard.

"I always told myself that as long as they want me for *Moonlighting* I'm stupid not to do it," she continues. "I'm committed for six years, Bruce for five — maybe he is smarter than I. This year we're doing wonderful things and I'm enjoying working with Bruce more this year than ever before. Still, it is a mixed blessing. If you talk to anyone who has played the lead in an hour-long series they'll tell you it wears you down.

There has been a lot of stress, which I've coped with by pumping iron. I have a gym at the studio and one at home. When I got through with the twins' pregnancy my abdominal skin was such that I could have folded it up and stuck it in my pants. I had to go back to work in six weeks so I needed to take drastic action."

**Pumps**

Shepherd still pumps iron, does daily aerobics and is meticulous about her diet. She is also preparing for the future should *Moonlighting* bite the dust. She is anxious to star in Larry McMurtry's *Texasville*, the sequel to the *The Last Picture Show*, the 1971 Peter Bogdanovich film that launched her acting career as well as her eight-year relationship with the director. Bogdanovich will direct the new movie if he can get the money to bankroll the picture.

She still does L'Oréal hair-product commercials but is no longer doing ads for the US Beef Council.



Cybill Shepherd: hoping to emulate her 'Moonlighting' co-star Bruce Willis' phenomenal screen success

## Midler message

**HOLLYWOOD (UPI):** Bette Midler and Disney's touchstone pictures are at it again, this time combining forces for a new drama titled *Stella*.

The Touchstone-Samuel Goldwyn Co. co-production is based on the Olive Higgins Proulx novel about a mother's deep love for her daughter and the self-sacrifice she endures to give her child the life she never had.

It is the third film made from the book. Previous adaptations were a 1925 silent movie and the 1937 production starring Barbara Stanwyck and Anne Shirley.

**Soap convention**

The fifth annual soap opera festival will be held at universal studios May 6-7, bringing daytime TV stars face-to-face with their fans.

Some 16 stars from such soaps as *Days Of Our Lives*, *General Hospital*, *Santa Barbara* and *The Young and the Restless* will meet with universal guests four times daily and answer questions about the characters they play.

A special telephone line will be installed to enable soap fans to put celebrities on the line with friends and relatives around the country.

## Hammer throw

Stacy Keach returns for yet another two-hour television movie, playing one of fiction's toughest private eyes in Mickey Spillane's *Mike Hammer: Murder Takes All*.

The new CBS-TV thriller co-stars Lynda Carter and is set on the Glitzy Las Vegas Strip.

This time around Hammer is kidnapped, drugged and parachuted into the Nevada desert where he is framed for the murder of a celebrity entertainer.

## Aldi returns

Star of *MASH*, Alan Alda, has returned to the small screen after six years of making movies.

Alda will lead the cast of a new one-hour NBC-TV series scheduled for broadcast in the 1990 season under executive producer Martin Bregman.

The as yet untitled series will be written by Vince Patrick who wrote the novel and screenplay for *The Pope of Greenwich Village*.

## Matlin speaks

Marlee Matlin, who won the best actress academy award for her performance as the young deaf woman in *Children of a Lesser God* in 1986, has become national spokeswoman for the national captioning institute.

Matlin recently commented on the growth of closed-captioned TV and spurred major corporations in their cooperative efforts to expand captioned broadcast, cable and home video programming.

## Ann-Margret role

Ann-Margret will be seen in television commercials on behalf of the National Myasthenia Gravis Foundation.

Ann-Margret has given countless hours to help fight myasthenia gravis, a debilitating disease suffered by her husband Roger Smith.

## Andrews records

Julie Andrews will record a special Christmas album for the 1990 holiday season, more than a year and a half from now.

The album will feature a selection of traditional and international Christmas songs and will showcase the title song from her ABC-TV special, *The Sound of Christmas*.

# Schoolboy's Twiggy ordeal

By Mary Kemp

A TEENAGE actor's mother whispered into movie star Twiggy's ear: "Be gentle with him... he's terrified of kissing you."

And when 17-year-old school boy Navin Chowdhry came to the big moment in the movie, *Madame Sousatzka*, Twiggy eased the nervous boy into his first love scene with a relaxing joke, followed by a gentle, lingering meeting of their lips.

It all went off beautifully... just like Navin's mother Simran had hoped. And Twiggy said approvingly: "I thought he handled it beautifully. If his nerves had got the better of him, the scene could have ended up looking awful."

"I knew Navin would be terribly shy because of his age. He was such a sweet thing. His mother, bless her, came to me as the morning we were shooting the kissing scene to explain how shy her son was. So I was very gentle with him. And so was the director, John Schlesinger."

Navin, who has never been in a movie before, told me: "I got on great with the other stars — Shirley MacLaine and Shabana Azmi. But it was different with Twiggy because I knew I was going to have to kiss her."

"Because of that I was very shy and embarrassed at first, which made things difficult. But Twiggy was great and made me relax. As soon as she realized that we were coming up to that kiss, she cracked a joke, pretending that she didn't want to do it."

"In the end, we went ahead matter-of-factly, just as though we were saying lines. And I'm great friends with her now."

**Embarrassment**

But there was more embarrassment ahead for shy Navin, who was chosen to star in the film from hundreds of other Asian boys. He is Manek, a talented young pianist who falls in love with a beautiful, would-be-singer, played by Twiggy. Shirley MacLaine is Madame Sousatzka, Manek's piano teacher, and Indian star Shabana Azmi his mother.

For, after facing up to his first screen kiss, Navin was horrified to learn that he would have to show his underpants. He explained: "In one scene, I have to pull my trousers up when my mother bursts into my bedroom."

"I wanted to wear boxer shorts rather than briefs. I'm really conscious about my body, and boxer shorts hide a bit more of me than briefs."

"But the director said he wanted me in briefs because it added more to the scene, I was so shy that I kept pulling my trousers up before the camera had a chance to catch me. We had to do about nine takes before we got the shot."

And, although the script didn't have any more blushing in store for Navin, there was one more agonizing task for him. Although he couldn't play a note, he had to learn to mime as though he were a brilliant pianist.

"In the film I never actually play the piano. But it took about 300 hours of training to learn how to pretend to."

The movie-makers asked top concert pianist Yonty Solomon, who teaches at London's Royal Academy of Music, to make young Navin look as though he could earn a standing ovation from any concert platform in the world.

Navin, relaxed in jeans and a denim shirt in a suite at London's Savoy Hotel, told me: "It was very tough. I'd be up at seven in the morning to start filming, finish at ten at night, and then have to go to Yonty's house for a few hours practice on the piano."

"I had to get everything right — the fingering, body movements and even facial expressions."

"When I started, I couldn't play a note. But when Yonty had finished with me, I was miming concertos by Brahms and Schumann as convincingly as any concert pianist."

But there was a crisis when Navin sprained his wrist because of the intensity of his "music" lessons. He said: "I had just two days to get my wrist better. I had to massage lotion into it all the time. Even my mum, and sister Samantha, who is 18, were massaging my hand, willing it to get better. And luckily it did."

Mother Simran added: "It was such a joy when Navin landed the part because I knew how badly he wanted to be in that film. When

John, the director, told Navin that he was good at acting but there was a problem because he had to play the piano, I saw tears in Navin's eyes. But he is so dedicated, he put his heart into learning how to play the piano so that he could get the part."

So Navin, the boy from Bristol Grammar School, proved he was star material. And when he heard he had won the part, there were joyful family celebrations at their four-bedroom semi-detached home in Stoke Bishop, near Bristol.

Simran recalled: We were all very tense waiting for John to ring Navin. When the phone went, I heard an almighty scream. That's when I knew Navin had made it."

So the boy from nowhere, who had never seen a movie camera before, was suddenly rubbing shoulders with stars. And they helped him to act like a true professional.

Navin told me: "Everybody gave me tips and encouragement. Shirley MacLaine would help by saying things like, 'Why don't you try it like this?' We had great fun."

Shirley even invited Shabana and I to her home in London so we could get to know each other really well. This was essential for the chemistry there is between us in the film.

"We all rehearsed our lines in front of each other and then had a good laugh about it. This helped to relax everybody."

**Back**

Today Navin seems to be on the brink of stardom. But he is still level-headed enough to stay on at school until he has finished his education.

The experts believe that, box-office-wise, Navin can be rated on the curry scale as vindaloo. He told me how it all began. Father Mohinder was on business in London when



Navin Chowdhry with Shirley MacLaine in *Madame Sousatzka*

Navin Chowdhry, aged 17, came from nowhere to land a star part in the movie *Madame Sousatzka*, with Shirley MacLaine and Twiggy. But his mother had to help in Navin's very first love scene by telling Twiggy: "Be gentle with him... he's so shy"



Navin with Indian film star Shabana Azmi, who plays his mother in the film.

he spotted an advertisement for an Asian boy to star in a movie opposite Shirley MacLaine. Mohinder believed his son would be tailor-made for the part, and phoned home. Simran and Navin caught the next train to London.

The following day they went to the auditions, although director John wasn't there at the time. Navin said: "As soon as I walked into the room where the casting directors were, I could tell they were interested in me."

"They told John Schlesinger's driver, 'Take him to John's house straight away. I think he'd like to see Navin.'"

Half-an-hour later, John had decided that he had found his perfect Manek. He told me: "I knew he was the only possible boy out of all the hundreds we had seen. There was no question about it. Navin was boyish and sensitive."

"He was a natural. I had been difficult to find the right person and I was thrilled."

"The only thing I was worried about was that I didn't have a back-up. No-one else was suitable. I knew that Navin's character would have to be rewritten if he became ill."

But today Navin has never felt better. He said happily: "I began acting when I tagged

along with my sister Samantha when she went to drama classes. But I never dreamed it would end like this. Even so, I want to be prepared in case my acting suddenly takes a massive drop. If that happens, I want to become a barrister."

"This film has been incredible. During rehearsals, I'd stop and think, 'Christ, what's happening? I have Shirley MacLaine on my right, Shabana on my left, and Twiggy opposite.'"

But Navin admitted that, after a taste of stardom, he was looking forward to going home and seeing his friends. He told me: "No way do they look on me as a film star. We don't talk about it much and it hasn't really changed anything between us."

"I think the most important thing about all this is whether your friends like the film or not. Because that's the down-to-earth reality."

"When I go home, my friends want me to go with them and watch *Madame Sousatzka* at our local cinema. They want me to go and say, 'Hi' to the lady who sells popcorn, and give her a shock. But I don't think I will."

After all, schoolboy Navin — star or not — is desperately shy with women.

## Falklands war film focuses on British blacks

# Coming home to prejudice

By Vernon Scott

**HOLLYWOOD (UPI):** Although the brief battle between Britain and Argentina for the Falkland Islands cannot be compared to Vietnam by any measure, it did stir up major political and social undercurrents.

Now comes a story dealing with a black British soldier who goes off to fight for his country, but finds on returning home that his countrymen are indifferent to his sacrifices. For *Queen And Country*, which happens to be the title of the film.

Director Martin Stellman, a 40-year-old Londoner with an eye for social injustice, cast American actor Denzel Washington in the role of the black Briton.

I saw 50 or 60 black British actors, but I wasn't quite convinced they could have pulled off the responsibility of carrying the movie. Also, in order to raise money for an English picture you have to be imaginative and inventive — and come to America. An American actor is more appealing to anyone investing in a picture — someone they had heard of anyway.

"Then I saw Denzel in *A Soldier's Story* and I was so impres-

sed with the power of his screen presence, I decided to contact him.

"Denzel worked really hard on his English accent for several months before production. He lived in the deep East End of London with a family of cockneys, both black and white. And he spent some time with the British marines to learn the rhythm of the language and the vocabulary."

Stellman made it clear that *For Queen And Country* is not a war picture per se. Its battle scenes are seen only under the opening credits.

He says his film is much closer to *Coming Home* — which won Oscars for Jon Voight and Jane Fonda in 1978 — than *Platoon*, which won the Oscar for best picture in 1986.

Essentially, the drama lies with the racial aspects of the lack of a paratrooper's return home and the rejection he finds among his friends and neighbours.

Stellman says the film examines growing racial problems in English cities.

"The issue of race in England is very complex," he said. "There were so many different ethnic groups in the British empire and millions of them emigrated to

England in the 1950s and 1960s.

"There are Indians, Pakistanis and people from Ghana, Nigeria, Trinidad, Jamaica, Guyana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Bangladesh and the list goes on and on. All of them were minorities with separate cultures, which leads to clashes."

"Most minorities are found in London, Manchester, Bristol, Glasgow and Birmingham, not in villages and small towns."

"The difference between the racial issue in Britain and the United States is that in England there is considerably less segregation. There is less paranoia, less violence."

"The issue in England is class, not so much colour. A lot of poor, working class people live in housing projects, and that's what our war hero returns to."

"Actually, it is the police that most visibly exercise discrimination against minorities in Britain. It is rather fashionable to be black in some areas of English society."

"Racism in England is very subtle and always polite. There is a veneer of civility and decency, but underlying it is a racial notion involving the inbred conviction that the Anglo-Saxon is better than anyone else."

# Kim, the real Rain Man

An island of genius, says screenwriter

By Hilary Israelson

**SALT LAKE CITY, (AP):** When screenwriter Barry Morrow first met Kim, his original model for the central character in *Rain Man*, Kim already knew Morrow's past and present phone numbers and the number of freeway exits to his house.

They met in Texas where Kim and his father, Fran, were attending a 1984 meeting of the American Association of Retarded Citizens. Kim, 37, is an extremely rare prodigious savant, capable of recalling virtually anything his senses have ever told him.

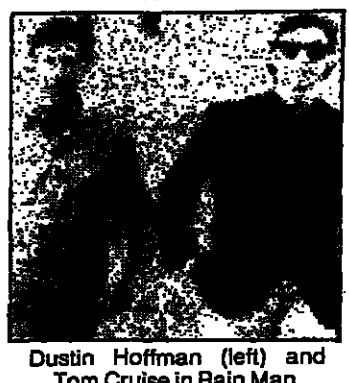
But while Kim has a seemingly unlimited ability to absorb and recall facts and figures, he has limited reasoning power and his IQ is a below-average 88. He always has lived with Fran with in the Salt Lake City area, accompanying him on frequent business trips since a 1981 divorce from Kim's mother.

"I am Rain Man," Kim said in an interview. "This is an important time for me. I have many talents now."

Morrow, who calls Kim "an island of genius," believes the movie has changed Kim.

"When I first met him, after he talked to me he dashed across the room and made low moaning sounds," Morrow said. "Now, he would walk into a room and offer you his hand."

Kim's father, who asked for privacy reasons that his and Kim's last name not be used, agrees that his son is changing. After a special screening of *Rain Man* or the Utah legislature, Kim stood up and stressed the importance of understanding the



Dustin Hoffman (left) and Tom Cruise in *Rain Man*.

needs of the handicapped.

"I had no idea he could talk to those guys that way," Fran said. "He is really learning to put his thoughts together."

After meeting father and son, Morrow decided he would pair a savant like Kim — trusting and sometimes childlike — with a greedy, self-centered and impatient brother.

"Then I put them in a car and had them drive across the country together," said Morrow, nominated for an Oscar for his screenplay. It chronicles the relationship between Raymond Babbitt, an autistic savant played by Dustin Hoffman, and his brother, Charlie, played by Tom Cruise.

"I don't want to take away from the other people that helped Dustin create the character," Morrow said in Claremont, California. "But Kim was the first inspiration for the story."

Kim has seen the movie three times, the first seated at the premier between Morrow and Fran. Kim stared at his hands and the floor during most of the movie. When Morrow asked him why, Kim told him he had seen it

with his "heart."

While there are behavioural similarities between Kim and Hoffman's film character, Kim is far more outgoing. Two years ago he spent an afternoon with Hoffman on a movie set, the actor mimicking his movements and his walk.

"When it was over, Kim recalls, Hoffman said, 'I may be the star, but you are the heavens.'"

Daniel Christensen, medical director of the Western Institute of Neuropsychiatry at the University of Utah, has made a thorough study of Kim.

"He has a photographic memory, but no way to minimize stimuli," Christensen said. "He's the closest I've been to a human computer." Unable to filter or forget information, or assign it relative importance.

He can answer untold thousands of questions covering history, sports, maps, literature, mathematics and other subjects.

"You'd expect someone with these mental skills to have something extra in his brain, but there's actually something missing," Christensen said. Brain scans show an absence of the bundle of nerve fibres — the corpus callosum — that connects the two halves of the brain.

"Kim is probably one in 10 million," he said.

Morrow offers another insight: "Kim has been called a savant with some autistic characteristics, but the real answer is that, like all of us, Kim defies human labels."

The screenwriter said Hoffman has received a flood of mail from people touched by the movie, people who know other rain men. Morrow takes little credit for the response.







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SPORTS

# Milan rout Real

Italian trio reach finals

MILAN, April 21, (Reuters): AC Milan ended an era and set up the prospect of a truly memorable European Cup soccer final against Steaua Bucharest when they crushed Real Madrid 5-0 on Wednesday night.

By thrashing the Spanish champions so convincingly for a 6-1 victory overall, they not only established themselves as arguably the most complete team in Europe but also ensured Madrid's impressive team would be torn apart and rebuilt.

Steaua, the Romanian champions, secured their place in the Champions' Cup final with a 1-1 draw in Izmir against Turkish champions Galatasaray to go through 5-1 on aggregate.

On a night when Milan, inspired by their three brilliant Dutchmen Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard, were in unstoppable form, Italy was celebrating the rare achievement of supplying a team for each final of the three European club soccer tournaments.

## Possible

Sampdoria beat holders Mechelen to reach the Cup Winners' Cup final and Napoli drew 2-2 in West Germany against Bayern Munich to reach the UEFA Cup final.

But for Milan, the glory came at a cost — the possible loss of Gullit, who was carried off on a stretcher in the second half, from the final in Barcelona on May 24.

Gullit, who was in superb form on Wednesday when he scored once and played a big part in the excellent overall team performance, was said afterwards to have damaged cartilage in his right knee.

"Gullit played very well and we hope it is not too bad," said Milan coach Arrigo Sacchi on Wednesday night. "He will be examined in Rome and we hope he will be all right for the final."

Sacchi was delighted with his team's win — a victory taken well by Madrid who have delivered so many similar thrashings to others in the past — but warned not to be complacent.

"It was a very beautiful performance and we took all our chances. But I thought we were lucky to be able to get in front so quickly after Madrid made a good start."

"The whole occasion is one I will remember for a long time, but now we must think about Steaua — they are a very good team."

Rijkaard, the Dutch defender who looked equally at home in midfield from where he scored the second

goal, said: "It will be a very good final. Steaua are a beautiful team and we can play better than we did tonight."

"We probably won the tie in Madrid. They were frightened of us after that and we sensed that tonight."

Steaua, European champions in 1986, had secured their passage to the final by beating Galatasaray 4-0 in Romania two weeks ago. They played well within themselves on Wednesday, quickening their tempo only after Cuneo Tanman's 36th-minute goal for the Turkish side.

Ilie Dumitrescu equalised three minutes later, and thereafter the match contained little to excite the 30,000 crowd.

Steaua may have to go into the final without Dumitrescu who was shown a yellow card, his second of the tournament.

Sampdoria reached the final of a major European competition for the first time with a supercharged finish which sent them hurtling past Mechelen of Belgium, who were seeking to retain the Cup Winners' Cup.

The Belgians led 2-1 from the first leg of the semifinal and maintained this advantage for most of the return in Genoa.

But Sampdoria then poured in three goals — Brazilian midfielder Tominho Cerezo after 70 minutes, striker Giuseppe Dossena after 85 defender Fausto Salsano with two minutes left to sweep to a 4-2 aggregate win.

Sampdoria's opponents on May 10 in Bern, Switzerland, will be Barcelona, who reached the final of the competition for the fourth time with a 2-1 away win over Sredets Sofia for a 6-3 aggregate victory.

Gary Lineker, the England striker who was leading scorer at the 1986 World Cup finals, scored Barcelona's first goal but also missed a penalty in the dying moments.

Kristov Stoeichkov equalised for Sredets in the 65th minute before Guillermo Amor scored Barcelona's winner after 83 minutes.

Napoli, with goals from Brazilian star Careca in the 60th and 77th minutes, drew 2-2 away to Bayern Munich for a 4-2 aggregate win in their UEFA Cup semifinal.

They will be at home in the May 3 first leg of the final against VfB Stuttgart whose 1-1 draw, also away from home, gave them victory 2-1. Stuttgart will be hosts for the second leg of the final on May 17.



Real goalkeeper Paco Buo dives for the ball while Milan's Van Basten gets airborne to avoid a collision. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Legislators call for end to row over disaster

LONDON, April 21, (Reuters): Police and Liverpool soccer club supporters should stop arguing over allegations of drunken behaviour by fans at the Hillsborough stadium disaster, British parliamentarians said yesterday.

"A period of silence... would be the best way of marking the nation's sorrow and shame," Sir Eldon Griffiths, a Conservative Party member of parliament and former adviser to the police

temperatures have been running high in Liverpool since police accused hundreds of fans of arriving drunk at Saturday's match with Nottingham Forest at the Hillsborough ground in Sheffield.

A police decision to open a stadium gate to relieve crowd pressure outside caused a tide of Liverpool supporters to flood into a standing-only enclosure where 95 people were crushed to death.

Newspaper reports have quoted unidentified policemen as saying some fans looted bodies and urinated on police officers trying to help victims.

In parliament, opposition Labour Party members from Liverpool presented a motion calling on the police to "refrain from such insensitive attempts to prejudice the issue and assign blame."

On Wednesday Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said: "It is rather sad and wrong that, after 24 hours of great dignity and mourning, the country is in danger of plunging downhill into a mess of accusations and counter-accusations."

The first victim of Britain's worst sports tragedy was buried on Wednesday in Liverpool.

US player returns positive drug test

STOCKHOLM, April 21, (Reuters): A US player has returned a positive dope test at the World Ice Hockey Championships, his team manager said yesterday.

Bob Johnson told Swedish radio that random test had been positive but said he was sure a second test would prove the player innocent.

## League seeks return to normality

Clubs allowed to postpone games

MANCHESTER, England, April 21, (Reuters): English soccer clubs will be allowed to postpone their matches tomorrow as a mark of respect for the victims of the Hillsborough tragedy, the Football League decided on Wednesday.

"If clubs feel they should not be playing we will have to respect that," said League president Jack Dunnett.

Liverpool had already been given permission to put off their next two matches after 95 of their fans were crushed to death at an FA Cup semifinal with Nottingham Forest last Saturday.

Merseyside's other two clubs, Everton and Fourth Division Tranmere Rovers, have also been told they need not play but Dunnett said the League would not accept repeated requests from any club for postponements.

"You can't reburn forever, life has to go on," Dunnett said after a meeting of the League's management committee.

"What we do accept is that there can be a proper period of mourning and grief during which they need not play matches but clubs must complete their fixture lists otherwise we will have complete chaos."

Dunnett said he did not expect many clubs to ask permission to postpone games tomorrow.

Clubs which go ahead will be asked to observe one minute's silence in memory of the Hillsborough victims and to kick off six minutes later than usual.

Six minutes of the Liverpool-Nottingham Forest match had been played when it was halted by Britain's biggest sporting tragedy as late-arriving fans surged on to the already crowded terraces at Sheffield's Hillsborough ground.

Dunnett said no action would be taken against London clubs Arsenal and Queen's Park Rangers who had already postponed matches scheduled for Wednesday without the go-ahead from the League.

The postponements mean the League season will probably be extended beyond May 13 when it had been due to finish, Dunnett said.

Southampton's controversial decision to resume the English First Division programme on Wednesday just five days after the Hillsborough tragedy produced a subdued goalless draw against visitors Norwich.

Southampton's supporters took the opportunity to send messages of condolence and unity to the Liverpool victims and their families.

A solitary scarf was pinned to the main gate with a message: "We stand united in memory of the 95."

And before the players emerged in black armbands to lead a perfectly observed minute's silence, a small group of supporters laid a roughly-painted but touching banner on the pitch, reading: "Our hearts from the dell are with you all at Anfield. With utmost remorse from fans of Southampton FC."

The IOC is keen to finalise the 1992 Games programme during its executive board meeting in Barcelona next week, although it accepts that more time may be needed to resolve the thorny soccer problem.

The four-day executive board meeting starting on Monday will also hear a report on last year's doping scandals which resulted in 10 athletes being thrown out of the Seoul Olympics, most notably 100 metres winner Ben Johnson of Canada.

The meeting will begin with a three-hour progress report by the Barcelona Olympic Organising Committee, after which board members will visit the Games venues.

The meeting is also expected to see the start of serious lobbying by the six candidates for the 1996 summer Olympics following the close of bids last weekend.

But the six — Athens (Greece), Atlanta (US), Belgrade (Yugoslavia), Manchester (Britain), Melbourne (Australia) and Toronto (Canada) — will not be allowed in the sort of lavish entertaining that preceded the vote for the 1992 summer and winter Games.

2,000 Guineas

NEWMARKET, England, April 21, (Reuters): Shadi, ridden by Walter Swinburn, was quoted as the new favourite for the English 2,000 Guineas on May 6 after giving trainer Michael Stoute his third successive victory in the craven stakes yesterday.

Samaranch

IOC rejects SGF appeal

KUALA LUMPUR, April 21, (KUNA): The International Olympic Committee has rejected an appeal by the SEA Games Federation (SGF) to allow the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea (CGDK) to take part in the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games in August.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch conveyed the IOC decision to the Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM) yesterday.

OCM president Hamzah Abu Samah, who is also the SGF president, made the appeal to the IOC at the urging of the majority of SGF members.

Samaranch said IOC could not and, in fact, had never granted patronage to any sports event in which non-IOC members participate.

He added that the IOC ceased to recognise the Kampuchean Olympic Committee in 1979. Since then, the IOC had received applications from the CGDK and the Vietnamese-backed Kampuchean regime in Phnom Penh but neither had been successful.

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## Ereng wants to break 800m record

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 21, (Reuters): Olympic champion Paul Ereng of Kenya has set his sights on breaking Sebastian Coe's 800 metres world record this summer.

"I think I can run below it," Ereng, who in March broke Coe's indoor 800 metres record, said yesterday.

Ereng, who is a student in Virginia where he is a student, set the outdoor world record of one minute, 41.73 seconds, in 1981. Ereng's best is 1:43.45, which he ran to win the gold in Seoul. But he believes he can go much faster.

"If you had taken my race at the World Indoor Championships and moved it outdoors on a nice day when the temperature was in the 70s, I would have been under the outdoor record," he said of his 1:44.84 clocking on the 200-metre track at Budapest in March.

The world record and winning the US Collegiate Championship are his main goals for this season, Ereng said.

At present he has no plans to run in either the World Cup meeting in Barcelona in September or the Commonwealth Games next winter in New Zealand.

"My last meets this year will be in August so I can come back to college," he said. "And I don't want to miss that much school to go to the Commonwealth Games."

As for this summer, he said: "I just want to pick a few meets in Europe where I know the big names will be and run hard there."

He will open his outdoor season this weekend at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships in Charlottesville, Virginia, and run at one other 800 metres — at Knoxville, Tennessee, on May 20 — before the US Collegiate Championships in early June.

Then it will be off to Europe and a shot at Coe's record.

Hendry edges Wilkinson for second round

SHEFFIELD, England, April 21, (Reuters): Scott Stephen Hendry, tipped as the player most likely to dethrone champion Steve Davis, almost came to grief in the first round of the world snooker championship yesterday.

The number four seed, boasting a 6-3 lead over England's Gary Wilkinson last Wednesday's first session, lost his way after Wilkinson rolled in breaks of 78, 44 and 45 to level their best-of-19 tie at 9-9.

But Hendry kept his cool in the deciding frame, crashing in a difficult long red and going on to compile a superb 66 to squeeze out a 10-9 victory.

"When I went for that red I knew it was do or die," said Hendry.

## Blatter opposes English clubs' return to Europe

MUNICH, West Germany, April 21, (Reuters): Sepp Blatter, general secretary of soccer's world governing body FIFA, opposes the return of English clubs to European competition after the Hillsborough tragedy, according to a West German magazine.

"This is the second time in four years that English clubs have been banned from European football," Blatter said in an interview with the soccer magazine Kicker. "In my opinion they (UEFA) shouldn't take the risk of letting them back into Europe."

The European Football Union (UEFA) said on Monday it stood by its decision to readmit English clubs into its competitions from the 1990-91 season, provided their return is supported by the British government.

But Blatter, secretary of the International Football Federation (FIFA), said he disagreed with UEFA's stand in the light of Hillsborough, where 95 people died after a crowd surge on the terraces at an FA Cup semifinal between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

"The English should put their house in order first," Blatter was quoted as saying in a news release on Wednesday ahead of Thursday's publication of Kicker.

English clubs were banned from the three European club competitions after Liverpool fans were blamed for starting riots which killed 39 people at the 1985 European Cup final with Italy's Juventus at the Heysel stadium in Brussels.

But UEFA's executive committee unanimously decided at a meeting in Portugal last week to readmit them subject to government backing.

Ljubojevic clinches title

BARCELONA, Spain, April 21, (Reuters): World champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union and Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubojevic clinched the World Chess Cup yesterday but the Yugoslav won the tournament.

In the last round, Kasparov beat former world champion and former compatriot Boris Spassky, now representing France, while Ljubojevic drew with Britain's Nigel Short.

Kasparov and Ljubojevic both finished with 11 points. But the Yugoslav was adjudged the winner because games with Spain's Miguel Illescas, who took part only as the representative of the host country, were discounted in case of a final tie.

Kasparov, who won against Illescas, lost a point and Ljubojevic, who drew, lost only half a point.

But both Kasparov and Ljubojevic won \$17,500 for their success in this fourth World Cup.

The jury voted that the best game was Kasparov's victory over fellow-Russian Valery Salov, for which Kasparov will get an extra \$1,000.

Ljubojevic yesterday offered a draw after only 10 moves, prompting complaints from Kasparov who accused Short of being impolite for accepting a draw so soon.

Sulayem aims for another hat-trick in Jordan

MIDDLE East champion Mohammed Bin Sulayem will be attempting to complete another hat-trick and at the same time grab the outright lead in the 1989 FISA regional series when he takes his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4 into the Jordan International Rally from May 17 to 19.

Having won in the Hashemite kingdom last year and in 1987, Sulayem will be aiming to continue his domination of the event and match his achievement last month of winning the Kuwait International Rally for the third year in succession.

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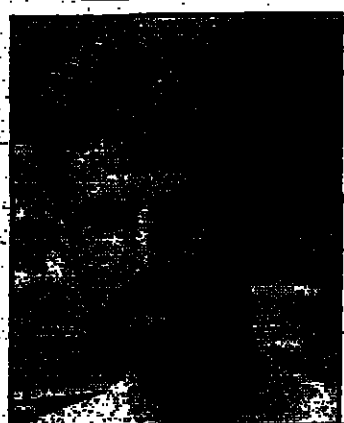
Victory in Kuwait — the 15th international success of his career — was Sulayem's first for the Winston Toyota Team Middle East, which was formed earlier this year. It means the UAE star now shares the lead in this year's championship with Qatar's Saeed Al Hajri, and he is full of confidence as he chases a fourth successive Middle East title.

"The Jordan Rally holds a lot of good memories for me," said Sulayem, who will again be partnered by his Irish co-driver, Ronan Morgan. "I won there for the first time back in 1981 and it's a rally that I always enjoy."

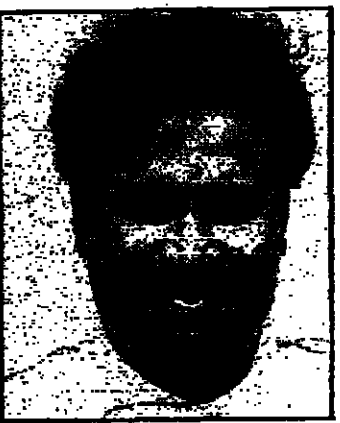
Sulayem and Al Hajri are expected to face opposition from around 40 other drivers in Jordan, including Qatar's Abbas Al Mosaawi whose Emirates-sponsored Mitsubishi Galant was heading for a high finish in Kuwait before its suspension broke.

Heading the Jordanian challenge will be H.R.H. Prince Abdullah, who will be accompanied by Ali Bilbesi in a Ford Sierra RS Cosworth. The Hashemite kingdom's dashing prince, the reigning national champion, is among 14 Jordanian entries out of a total of 21 to date and he is assured of tremendous support along the 1,359-km route.

Also aiming to make an impact in their home rally will be Essa Halabi, winner of the previous round of the Jordanian national championship in a Nissan 240 RS, and the one lady driver so far entered, Malia Asfour, who competes in another RS Cosworth.



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Ahmed Al Nasser — currently lying third in the championship in his Mitsubishi Starion — and Jeffrey McKasson — placed fourth in his Mitsubishi Colt — are two of four competitors already confirmed from Kuwait.

The others are Ali Al Barami in a Mitsubishi Lancer Turbo and Lester Featherstone in a Lada. Also among the foreign challengers in Jordan will be Faby Boistros from Lebanon in a Peugeot 205 GTI.

The major change this year to the route is that the long and demanding section from Amman to Petra and back, which has traditionally been run as the second leg, has been switched to the third and final day.

Returning

Sulayem will be first away from the Roman amphitheatre in Amman in his Winston Toyota at 4 pm on May 17, with the first leg leading north towards Jerash and being held mainly at night.

The second leg sets off south the next day from the Amman Marriott Hotel towards Qatrania before returning through Ma'an to the capital.

In all there will be 31 special stages — eight on asphalt roads and the rest on forest and desert tracks — totalling more than 478 kms.

Middle East Championship positions after two rounds: 1. Mohammed Bin Sulayem 50 pts, 2. Saeed Al Hajri 50 pts, 3. Ahmed Al Nasser (Kuwait) 18 pts, 4. Jeffrey McKasson (Kuwait) 15 pts.

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## SPORTS

## Hick cleared to play for England in 1991

LONDON, April 21, (Reuters): Graeme Hick has been cleared to play for England in 1991 despite playing two first class matches for his native Zimbabwe in 1985-86, the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) said yesterday.

A statement from the TCCB registration committee said Hick had not known

at the time that the matches against Young Australia in October 1985 and New South Wales in March the following year were first class fixtures.

"As no new facts have come to light, Graeme Hick's seven-year period of qualification for England still dates from the second of April 1984," the statement

said.

Hick, 22, scored 2,443 runs at an average of 76.34 for his county Worcestershire last year, including more than 1,000 runs before the end of May.

This week he hit 173 not out for Worcestershire against the MCC in the opening fixture of the English season.

## West Indies crush India

## Marshall wraps up third Test

PORT-OF-SPAIN, April 21, (Reuters): Malcolm Marshall completed a match haul of 11 for 89 as West Indies wrapped the four-match series against India by winning the third Test by 217 runs yesterday.

Marshall picked up three of the four wickets to fall during the morning session of the final day after India, already one down in the series, had resumed at 161 for six facing the hopeless task of scoring another 270 to win.

Marshall, who wrecked India's first innings with a five for 34 return, sealed the touring team's fate when he broke the defiant seventh-wicket stand between skipper Dilip Vengsarkar and wicketkeeper Kiran More.

The pair had hauled India from 92 to 190 for six when Marshall made a ball cut back and trapped More leg before padding up. His plucky 42 off 107 balls included six fours.

Marshall had Vengsarkar caught for 62, and bowled Chetan Sharma for seven.

Ian Bishop chipped in with the wicket of Arshad Ayub, who edged a delivery into the safe hands of Viv Richards at first slip.

Vengsarkar, given a life in Marshall's first over of the day when wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon spilled a catch as he dived across

first slip, batted 216 minutes and faced 153 balls.

His half century was his first of the series and only his third in 16 Test innings in the Caribbean.

On Wednesday, Richie Richardson fell one short of a 10th Test hundred when Kapil Dev bowled him for 99 before West Indies were all out for 266 in their second innings. They had resumed at 199 for seven.

Richardson, 77 overnight, became over-anxious for his hundred and, moving across his stumps, was bowled middle and leg by Kapil Dev. He batted for 352 minutes, faced 277 balls and hit only four boundaries.

His run tally for the series is now 466 for five innings to follow the 502 runs he scored in the series in Australia.

Courtney Walsh was the last West Indian out when Kapil Dev bowled him to finish with five for 58, the 19th time he has taken five wickets in an innings in Tests.

## Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 314 (A. Legie 87, Arshad Ayub five for 117)

INDIA first innings 150 (Marshall five for 34)

WEST INDIES second innings (over- night 199 for 7)

G. Greenidge c More b C. Sharma... 6

D. Haynes c Shastri b C. Sharma... 6

R. Richardson b Kapil Dev... 99

K. Artherton lbw b Kapil Dev... 1

V. Richards c Manprekar b C. Sharma... 0

A. Legie c and b Hirwani... 38

J. Dujon b Shastri... 3

M. Marshall lbw b Kapil Dev... 26

C. Ambrose c More b Kapil Dev... 16

L. Bishop not out... 39

C. Walsh b Kapil... 4

Extras (b-3 lb-24 w-1 nb-10)... 38

Total... 266

Fall of wickets: 1-172-18-3-23-4-26

5-100-6-119-7-180-8-204-9-250

Bowling: Kapil Dev 25-5-38-5, C. Sharma 26-9-54-3, Ayub 19-1-50-4, Shastri 18-3-32-1, Hirwani 19-4-46-1, Ramnath 4-1-5-4.

INDIA second innings (over- night 161 for 6)

A. Lal c Dujon b Marshall... 18

N. Sidhu c Dujon b Ambrose... 1

R. Shastri c Dujon b Bishop... 15

W. Ramnath lbw b Marshall... 15

D. Vengsarkar c Legie b Marshall 62

S. Manprekar lbw b Marshall... 1

Kapil Dev c Dujon b Bishop... 42

K. More lbw b Marshall... 4

A. Ayub c Richards b Bishop... 1

C. Sharma b Marshall... 7

N. Hirwani not out... 1

Extras (b-7 lb-15 nb-24)... 46

Total... 213

Fall of wickets: 1-20-2-60-3-64-4-66

5-75-6-92-7-190-8-194-9-212

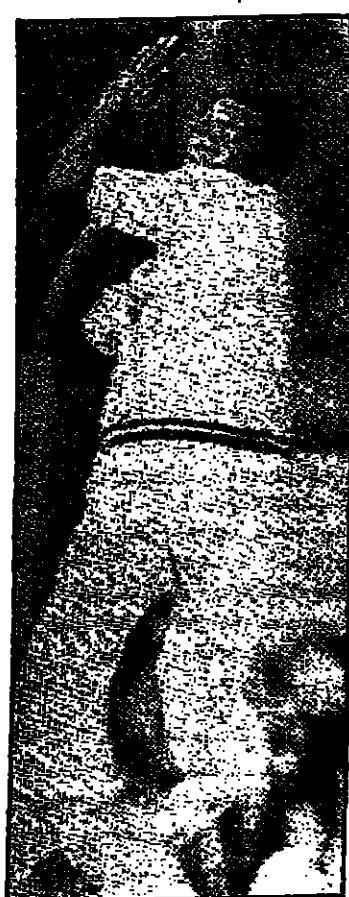
Bowling: Ambrose 15-8-23-1, Bishop 25-8-51-3, Walsh 10-4-15-4, Marshall 19-5-24-4, Richards 8-4-13-4, Artherton 4-2-4-0.

Result: West Indies won by 217 runs.

First Test match drawn

Second Test: West Indies won by eight wickets

Fourth (and final) Test: May 3, Kingston.



Malcolm Marshall



Botham (left) makes a point to Graeme Hick at a photo session for the Worcestershire team yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Dilley and Botham shine

## English cricket season starts

LONDON, April 21, (Reuters): Graham Dilley and Ian Botham bounced back from surgery to give champions Worcestershire — and England — a splendid boost at the start of the county cricket season yesterday.

Fast bowler Dilley, who underwent a knee operation last autumn, provided early evidence of his fitness with a five-wicket haul against Nottinghamshire.

All-rounder Botham, out for most of last season with back trouble, also served notice of his Test ambitions by coaxing himself through 16 overs of controlled swing bowling. He took two for 37.

Ted Dexter, the new chairman of selectors, could hardly have had more encouraging reports on two of his key candidates for the forthcoming series against the visiting Australians.

Dilley dismissed England opener Tim Robinson and Chris Broad in his five for 42

return, though Nottinghamshire reached 218 thanks to 73 not out by Derek Randall.

West Indian paceman Winston Davis took four for 43 and fellow seamer Greg Thomas marked his debut with three for 53 as Northamptonshire dismissed Derbyshire for 183.

Jimmy Cook, Somerset's South African newcomer, added 143 for the first wicket with Peter Roebuck against Hampshire.

Cook struck 12 fours in 85 while Roebuck contributed 113 not out to the total of 250 for four.

Essex opener Graham Gooch hit five fours in 32 before Kent's Chris Cowdrey, like Gooch, one of England's four captains last summer, caught him at second slip.

Deposed England skipper Mike Gatting and David Gower, the latest player to take charge, found run-making even more difficult.

Gatting hit eight not out in 85 minutes for Middlesex against Yorkshire while Leicestershire's Gower fell for four against Glamorgan.

Scores

At Leicester: Leicestershire 190 in 86.3

overs (P. Willey 46, S. Waite six for 53).

Glamorgan 36 for three off 20.4 overs.

At Leeds: Middlesex 36 for two off 24.4

overs v Yorkshire.

At Southampton: Somerset 250 for four

off 94.4 overs (P. Roebuck 113 not out, J. Cook 85) v Hampshire.

At Nottingham: Nottinghamshire 218

in 85.3 overs (D. Randall 73 not out, G. Dilley five for 42). Worcestershire 22 for one off 16 overs.

At Edgbaston: Lancashire 259 in 82.4

overs (G. Fowler 56, A. Donald three for 55). Warwickshire eight for six wickets.

At Canterbury: Essex 98 for four off 32

overs (A. Lilley 45 not out) v Kent.

At Derby: Derbyshire 183 in 72.1 overs

(W. Davis four for 41, J. Thomas three for 53). Northamptonshire 36 for two off 19 overs.

Other matches:

At Oxford: Surrey 447 for six declared

(I. Craig 107 not out). Oxford University 134 for six (P. Lane 45 not out).

At Cambridge: Cambs prepared to play today. Gloucestershire 210 for five v Cambridge University.

## Knicks score decisive win over Celtics

NEW YORK, April 21, (AP): Mark Jackson scored 29 points and Eddie Lee Wilkins, starting in place of injured Patrick Ewing, had six during a 13-0 run at the start of the second half that carried the New York Knicks to a 137-117 victory over the Boston Celtics last night.

The Celtics' loss, combined with Washington's victory over Chicago, trimmed Boston's lead to one game over the Bulls in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the National Basketball Association's Eastern Conference. Both teams have two games remaining and Washington gains the berth if they finish in a tie, because it won four of six games with Boston this season.

Ledell Enckles scored a career-high 28 points and John Williams added 21, rallying Washington to a 109-98 victory over the Chicago Bulls.

Hersey Hawkins hit his first 10 shots from the field and Philadelphia shot 69 per cent in the opening half as the 76ers won their third straight game, a 105-92 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

James Worthy scored eight of his season-high 38 points in the last five minutes as the Los Angeles Lakers outlasted the Sacramento Kings 118-115.

Dale Ellis and Xavier McDaniel each scored 31 points as the Seattle SuperSonics beat Portland 124-118 and kept the Trail Blazers from clinching a playoff berth.

Michael Adams scored 25 points and the Denver Nuggets scored the first 18 points of the fourth quarter, snapping a five-game losing streak with a 136-113 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Soccer friendly

VERONA, Italy, April 21, (Reuters): World Cup hosts Italy face Latin American opposition for the first time in almost two years when they play South American Cup holders Uruguay in an international soccer friendly here tomorrow.

## Title fight

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, April 21, (Reuters): Mark Breland puts his World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight title on the line against last-minute substitute Rafael Pineda of Colombia tomorrow.

## Grand Prix

IMOLA, Italy, April 21, (Reuters): Italian Stefano Modena and team-mate Martin Brundle of Britain confirmed Brabham's successful return to formula one motor racing today when they dominated the pre-qualifying session for Sunday's San Marino Grand Prix.

## Top boxer

MEXICO CITY, April 21, (Reuters): The World Boxing Council (WBC) named on Wednesday Jeff Fenech of Australia its Boxer of the Month for having defended the featherweight title against Marcos Villanasa of Mexico on April 8.

## Boxing legend

LOS ANGELES, April 21, (Reuters): An overflow crowd of more than 2,000 people, including Elizabeth Taylor and heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, paid their final respects to Sugar Ray Robinson on Wednesday, honouring him as both a boxing legend and a great humanitarian.

## Cup qualifier

BRUSSELS, April 21, (Reuters): Belgian national coach Guy Thys on Wednesday left out Bordeaux's Enzo Scifo out of his 18-man squad for the World Cup soccer qualifier against Czechoslovakia on April 29.

## New date

ZURICH, April 21, (Reuters): The East Asian Group Five World Cup soccer qualifier between Iran and Thailand originally set for March 5 will now take place in Tehran on May 30, the International Football Federation (FIFA) said yesterday.

## Emboldened Malta

VALLETTA, April 21, (Reuters): Malta soccer manager Horst Heese, boosted by a shock 1-1 draw against Hungary, said yesterday he was going all out to beat Northern Ireland in a European Group Six World Cup qualifying match next week.

## Australian captain likes Ashes 'underdog' tag

BRISBANE, Australia, April 21, (Reuters): Australian cricket captain Allan Border is happy with the "underdog" tag given to his Ashes side which leaves for England on April 29.

"I've heard all the reports about us having no chance," Border said today. "That suits us. We are quietly confident that we have the side, although we have a lot of work to do."

Border said in a radio interview he was looking forward to again doing battle with England skipper David Gower.

"I thought they might have decided to go with Mike Gatting as captain, although I always thought David Gower was very unlikely to lose the job in the first place," he said.

Border said other Queensland members of the Australian 17-man squad have been keeping fit and in form since the end of the domestic first class season.

"Carl Rackemann is bowling magnificently as is Trevor Hohns," Border said. "Ian Healy is in top form too," he added. Healy is the side's first choice wicketkeeper.

## Series

New South Wales paceman Geoff Lawson who made England tours in 1981 and 1985 is also confident that Australia will bring back the Ashes after this northern summer's six-Test series.

"We have the edge on the opposition in the bowling department with a better strike attack," he said.

"The weather will dictate the wickets we get in England but by and large the seam and swing bowlers hold the key to the Ashes," he said.

Lawson said he has fully recovered from the jaw-shattering blow he received in the second Test against the West Indies in Perth last year.

"I'm feeling on top of the world, never fitter, no jaw problems and I haven't had any trouble from my old back condition for two seasons now," he said.



Border: happy

## Langrova surprises Zvereva

LARGO, Fla., April 21, (Reuters): Petra Langrova of Czechoslovakia, ranked 99th in the world, upset second seeded Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union 6-4, 6-1 in the second round of the Tampa Open tennis tournament yesterday.

Langrova displayed a consistent forehand but the match was really decided by Zvereva's numerous errors.

"I knew I was going to lose that match," Zvereva said. "My

technique was so destroyed. Now I have to work very seriously on every part of my game. I mean really seriously."

It was the second straight week that Zvereva, ranked eighth, has dropped a match to a qualifier from Czechoslovakia. Last week she lost in the second round to regain Rajchrtova.

Zvereva described yesterday's loss as more of a relief than a disappointment after a week in which she made headlines

because of her decision to sign a contract with an American management firm in a bid to keep her prize money rather than have it go to the Soviet Tennis Federation.

Fourth-seeded Arantxa Sanchez of Spain, the only other seeded player in action yesterday, beat Ronnie Reis of the United States 6-3 6-1.

American Halle Cioffi rallied for a 1-6 6-4 6-2 victory over compatriot Donna Faber.

## Lendl and McEnroe reach semifinals



Lendl: crushed Pereira

TOKYO, April 21, (Reuters): John McEnroe survived a shaky start, interruptions and controversial line calls to win a place in the semifinals at the Japan Open tennis tournament today.

But the top two seeds, Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and Sweden's Stefan Edberg, had few problems making the final four in the \$752,500 competition.

Third-seeded McEnroe's magic touch deserted him in the first set of his 2-6 6-4 6-1 victory over fellow American Brad Gilbert, but he was later able to take advantage of his opponent's loss of concentration.

Gilbert, seeded fifth, never seemed to recover from a line call against him when he was 30-15 up in the first game of the third set with McEnroe serving.

He clutched his head, slammed his racket into the ground, walked round in circles and then,

after losing the game, walked over to the relevant linesman and pummelled a ball into the wall beside him 10 times.

Lendl served nine aces and pulled off some unusually good net play in a resounding 6-2 6-2 win over former world junior champion Nicolas Pereira of Venezuela.

Edberg displayed athletic, flowing serve-and-volley tennis to win his match 6-4 6-2 and terminate a giant-killing run by unseeded American Scott Davis.

Davis had beaten Swede Mikael Pernfors, the eighth seed, and ninth seed Amos Mansdorf of Israel to earn his clash with Edberg.

But the Wimbledon champion was on form.

Matuszewski ousted Australia's last hope, unseeded Jason Stoltenberg, in a close 4-6 6-4 7-6



## Graf beats Navratilova

Steffi Graf (left) with Princess Caroline of Monaco on Thursday after the final of the Women's Cup tennis tournament in Monte Carlo. Graf defeated Martina Navratilova in final to take the title. (Reuters wirephoto)

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